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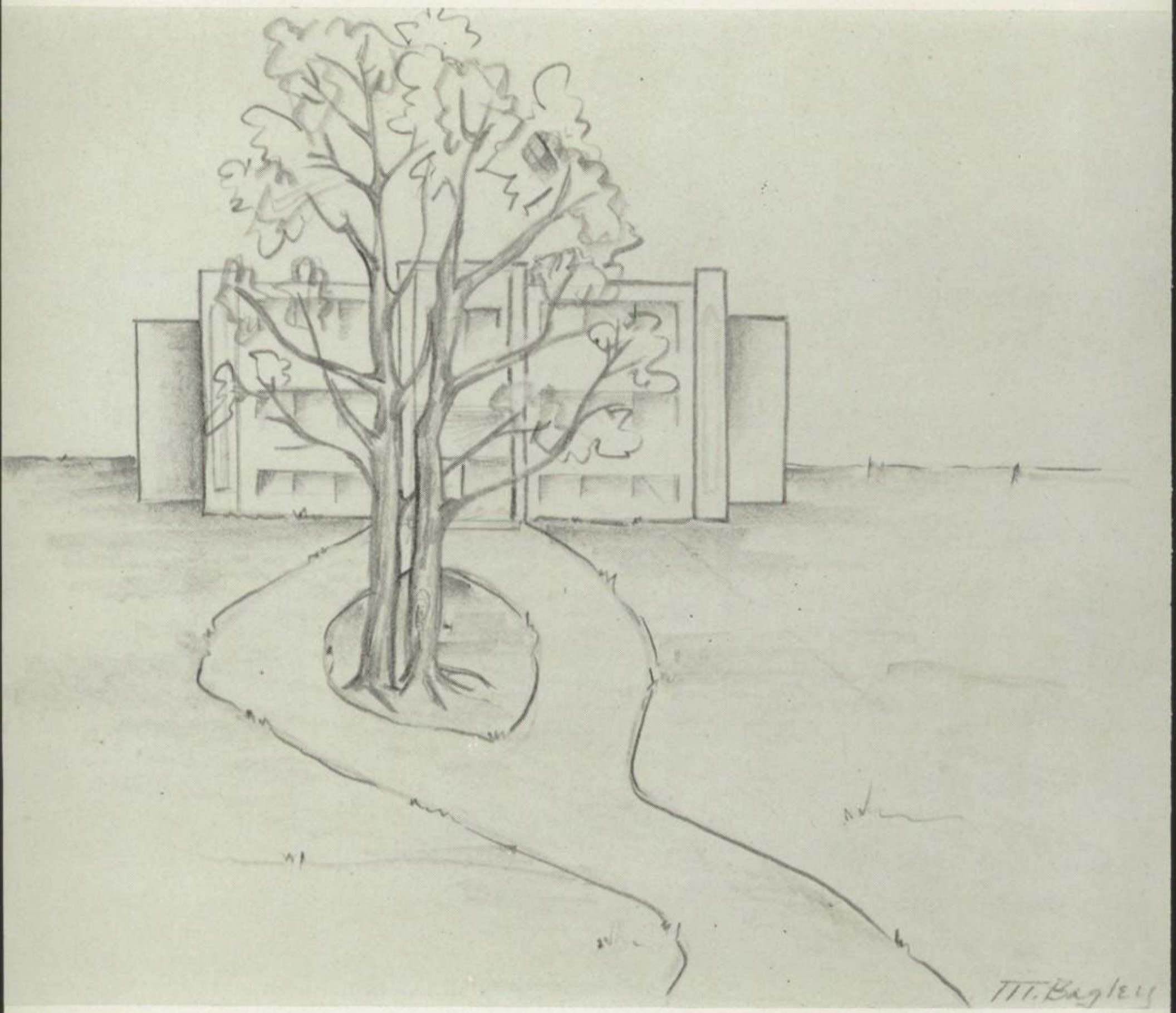

The path leading home.

For the Seniors the days at Van Wert High are practically over. Four wonderful years full of fun and hard work are past — gone forever. When the first tardy bell rings next Fall one hundred-seventeen of this year's Seniors won't be around to answer it; yet, wherever they go, whatever they do, may this Excalibur remind them that that old sidewalk leading up to Van Wert will always remain "The path leading home."

TO

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FOUND

WITHIN

THESE

COVERS

FACULTY

CLASSES

SPORTS

ACTIVITIES

At Right—One of the many all-school dances which are held frequently throughout the school year, forming a regular part of student social life.

Below—Visitors get a glimpse of a modern educational plant in action as they attend the annual "Open House."

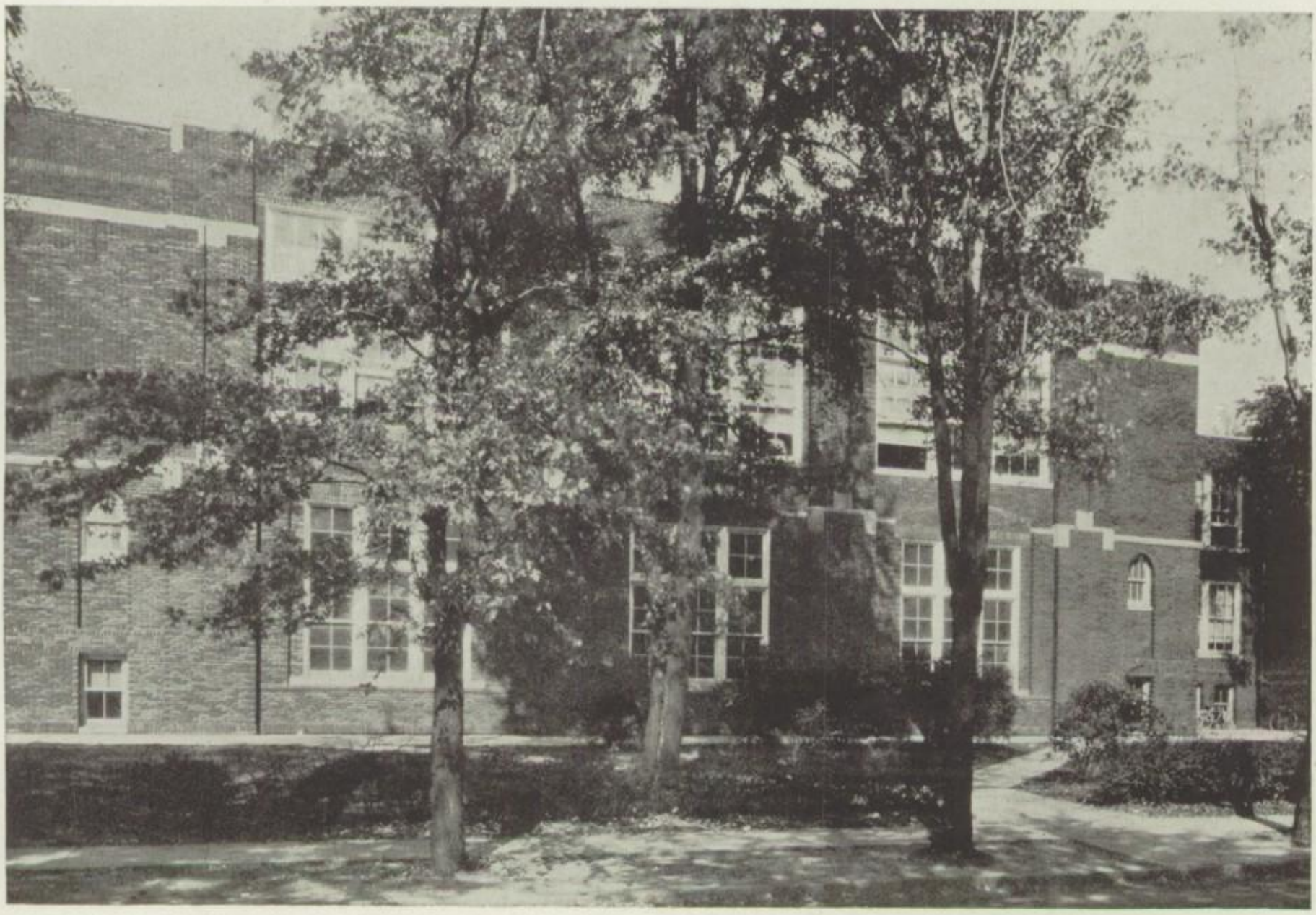
MRS. MARY JO WISE

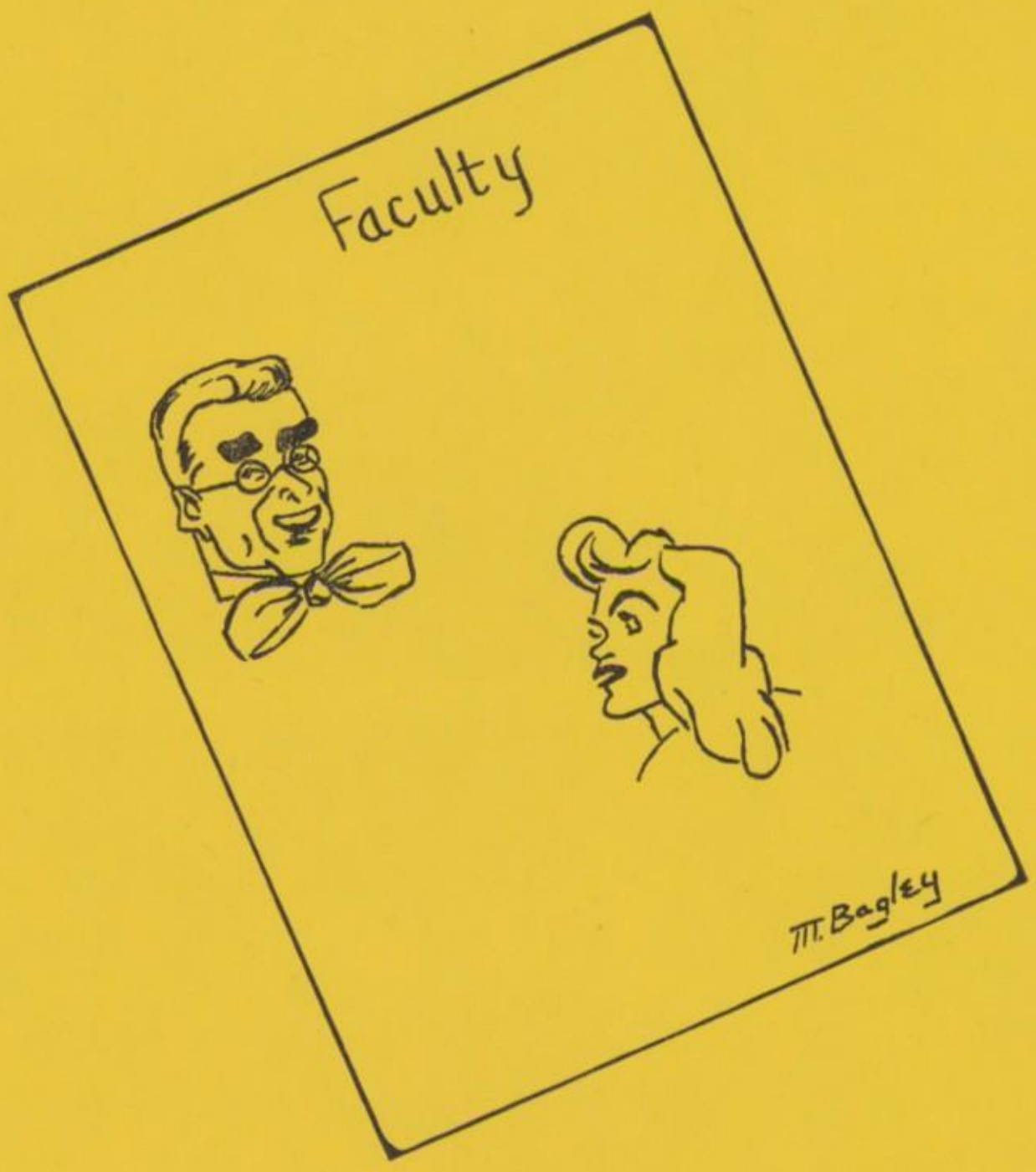
Dedication

It is with the very greatest pleasure that we, the Senior Class of Van Wert High, dedicate this Excalibur to our true friend and outstanding teacher, Mrs. Mary Jo Wise.

Every Freshman who enters our high school has the opportunity — truly the privilege — of spending a year in one of Mrs. Wise's Freshman English classes. Each student who enters one of these classes cannot help but leave it with a richer, fuller knowledge of English and the realization that they have spent a year under the guidance of one of the most wonderful persons ever to belong to the faculty of any high school.

It is, then, with sincere good wishes that this Excalibur is dedicated to Mrs. Wise.




Faculty
M. Bagley

Van Wert High School has a faculty of twenty-seven, in addition to the superintendent and the principal. This outstanding group of instructors represents over thirty different colleges and universities, assuring the student body of a varied and complete educational program.

R. D. BENNETT

Superintendent

Five years have passed since Mr. R. D. Bennett assumed the task of heading the Van Wert City School System. Rich benefits have been afforded to our school since this time which have helped every student to gain a better attitude toward life.

ROBERT BAKER

Principal

Completing his second year at Van Wert High School, Mr. Robert Baker has guided the students during this time with unceasing patience and understanding. Van Wert High School is proud to have among it's faculty a man with such capable leadership.

Board of Education

The governing body duly elected by the people of the school district is known as the Board of Education. These people give the schools many hours of service. The present Board is especially busy with the building program recently begun.

The present members are J. S. Hall, President; Walter Tolan, Vice President; Dr. M. Forwalter, Hazel Gleason, and Cyril Bechtol. F. Earl Shaffer is Clerk-Treasurer appointed by the Board.

Secretaries

Van Wert High School's hard working secretaries — Coleen Oswalt, Alice Ann Shaw, and Lois Klausing.

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HERBERT JONES — Bluffton College; Chorus I, II.

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MILDRED MAYS—Ohio State University; English III, Public Speaking; Class Play Director.

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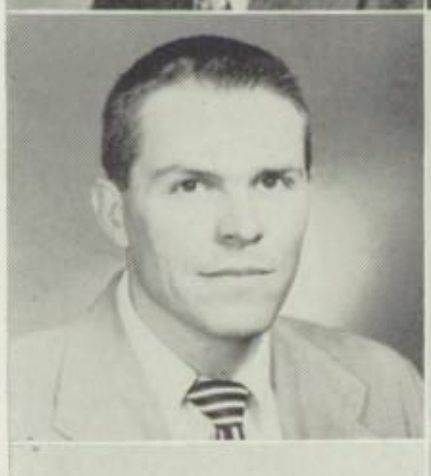


JAMES REEDER—Ohio State University, Indiana University; Boys' Physical Education; Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach.

ELIZABETH O. RIMER — Ohio State University; English III; Spanish I, II, Journalism; Scarlet Quill Adviser.

MARY SAWYER—Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University; Home Economics I, II, III, IV; F.H.A. Adviser.

GILBERT E. SMITH—Defiance College, Columbia University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, Ohio State University; Algebra I, Chemistry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra; Football Coach, Assistant Basketball Coach.

H. B. SPIETH — Defiance College, Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University; General Science.

HERBERT TODD — University of Toledo; Automotive Shop Practice, Shop Maintenance.

LEONARD WOLF—Dana's Musical Institute, Indianapolis Conservatory; Band, Dance Band.

MRS. MARY JO WISE — Bowling Green State University, Ohio Northern University; English I.

J. FRED WILLIAMS—Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University; Plane Geometry, Physics; Science Club Adviser.

Willards

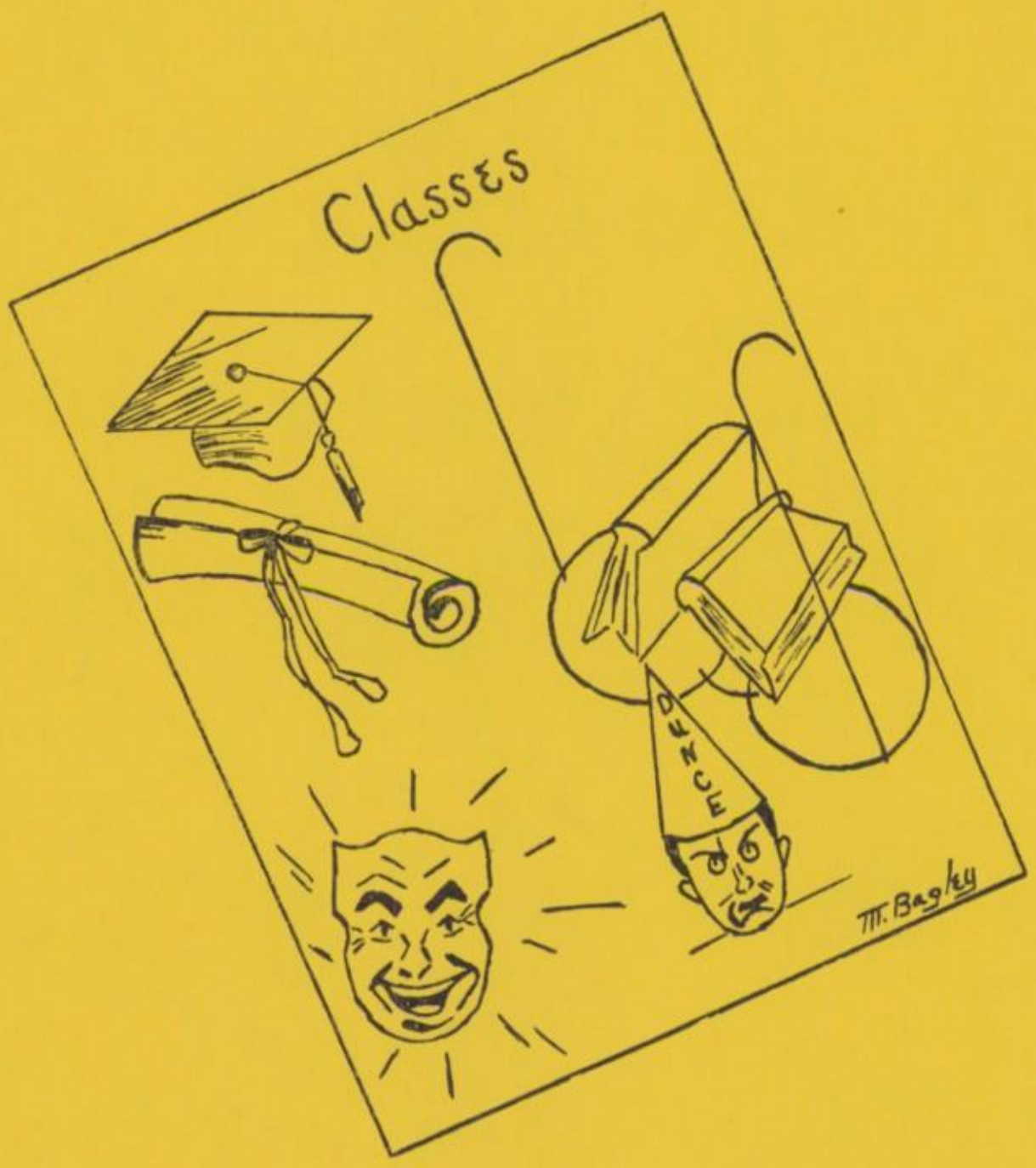
Silly Sophomores

Next Year's Wheels

Merry Christmas

Greenies

Where's H. H.?


Classes
M. Bagley

The backbone of any school is the student body. Thruout the years Van Wert has prided itself on having a student body such as is represented by the four classes found on the following pages — one that is intelligent, resourceful, and dependable — as well as full of fun.

ROW I

DONALD ADAMS "Sam" *"He's kind of dark and not very tall, and he's a lad that's liked by all."*—Chorus; Basketball 2; Class Secretary 1; Baseball 2; (Hoaglin-Jackson). JANET IRENE AGLER "Jan"—*"This girl's busy as a bee, a nicer girl you'll never see."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Excalibur, Quill Staff; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4. STANLEY WAYNE AGLER "Kandy"—*Kandy's president of our class, in love with him is every lass."* Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2; Band 1,2; Dance Band 1,2; Invitation Committee; Scarlet Quill Staff; Excalibur Staff; "V" Club, 2,3,4; "V" Club Officer; Class President 1,2,4, Boy Rotarian; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3, 4; Football 1,2,3,4; "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You." JOHN EDWARD ALSPAUGH "Flash"—*Johnnie takes pictures for Van Wert High, he'll make a career of it by and by."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Chorus 4; School Photographer. BETTY JEAN ANDERSON "Betty"—*Cheerful, happy and always sweet, to be with Betty is always a treat."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teen Cabinet 1; Student Council 1; Chorus 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. 1; "Hollywood Extra;" "Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore."

ROW II

VIRGILENE R. ANDERSON "Virgie"—*"This girls spirits are never low. You'll find her always on the go."* KENNETH L. AURAND "Kenny"—*"Although he's new to us this year, Kenny brought with him lots of cheer."*—Hi-Y 4; (Van Wert High) Student Council 1; Chorus 1, 3; Junior Class Play Committee; Student Librarian; Baseball Manager 1; Basketball Manager 1; Track 2; (Union). DONALD E. BAER "Beau"—*"Happiness Don is always bringing, when we find him gaily singing."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club; Football 1; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Basketball Manager 2,3; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" "Hollywood Extra." DOROTHY JEAN BAER "Dort"—*"This little lass has a smile for all, we think she's really on the ball."* FLOYD EUGENE BAGLEY "Clinker"—*"Sports seem to be Gene's one aim, maybe they'll help bring him to fame."*—Band 1,2,3; Chorus 1; Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club 2,3,4; "V" Club President 4; Football 1, 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; Rendezvous Committee 4; Class Vice-President 4; Dance Band 1,2,3; Lyre Club 2; Prom Committee; Class Ring Committee; "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You."

ROW III

MARY LOUISE BAGLEY "Little Bug"—*This lass has clothes and personality too, when you're with her, you're never blue."*—G.A.A. 1,2,4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2; Chorus 1,2; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee 3; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,4; Scarlet Quill Staff; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra;" Student Council 3; Y-Teens 1, 2. WILLIAM BURTON BALYEAT "Jug"—*"President of Student Council is this lad, Looks and personality, what's more to be had?"*—Hi-Y 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 2,4; Prom Committee; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 4; Student Council President 4; Scarlet Quill Staff; Excalibur Staff; Baseball 3,4; Boy Rotarian; Student Visual Education Director 3,4; Rotary Debate 4; 5th Annual Rotary World Affairs Institute 4; "You Can't Take It With You." DOLORES EILEEN BAUER "De"—*"Here is a gal we know as "De," she's one that's always full of glee."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3, 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Chorus 3; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4;" The Chimes of Normandy;" "Those Websters." BARBARA BAXTER "Barb"—*"Barb is one with lots of pep, this Van Wert gal is really hep."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3; Girls' Intramural 1,2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy." HELEN JOANN BEBOUT "Jo"—*"Jo's heart belongs to only one, but in spite of this, she's really fun."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 1; Chorus 2; Band 1; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

ROW IV

DONALD EUGENE BECHTOL "Beck"—*"Beck's a boxer and really nice, the Golden Gloves Championship was his twice."* Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" Football 1,2,3,4. ROBERT S. BLACK "Bob"—*"Bob is short with hair of black, with the girls he's got plenty of tact."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club 4; Student Council 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H. M.S. Pinafore;" Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4. RICHARD MARTIN BRADFORD "Bud" *"His hair is curley, his eyes are brown, it's very seldom you'll see him frown."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Student Director Visual Education 3,4. BARBARA ANN BRENNAN "Barb"—*"This senior lass with hair so short, is known to all as a wonderful sport."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Ring and Pin Committee. GEORGE S. BROOKS "Spence"—*"Spence's humor can't be beat, and his style is really neat."*—Hi-Y 3, 4; Prom Committee; "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You."

ROW V

JOHN W. BROWN "Brownie"—*"Here's a guy with a ready smile, he'll be your friend all the while."* JAMES E. BUERKLEY "Buerk"—*"Buerk's got brawn and looks as well, all who know him think he's swell."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club 3, 4; Student Council 1; Prom Committee; Class Vice-President 1,3; Football 1,2,3,4; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4. OLGA BURGOON "Leechy"—*"To any party she brings life, she'll make some fella a real good wife."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 1; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Band 1,2,3; Class Treasurer 1; Junior Class Play Committee; F.T.A. 1,2; Dance Orchestra 1, 2; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; "You Can't Take It With You." RICHARD BUSCH "Dick"—*"Here is Dick who's tall and blond, the whole senior class of him is fond."* Hi-Y 3,4; Basketball 4; Boys' Intramurals 4; Class President 1, (Ohio City). JAN ROSE CAMBURN "Rudy"—*"Always laughing, never sad, to be like this is never bad."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; F.T.A. 1,2,3,4; "Those Websters."

ROW I

DONNA LOU CASSEL "Donna"—*"Here's a girl who's shy and demure, she'll go places that's for sure."*—Student Librarian. BERNARD E. CLARK "Hot Rod"—*"In singing he's great, in trombone he's swell, in all sorts of music, this boy does excel."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Band 1,2,3,4; Band Cabinet 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1,2,3; "You Can't Take It With You." DONNA MARIE CLYMER "Donna"—*"Donna's a girl few can surpass, she's a credit to any class."*—Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Junior Class Play Committee; Student Librarian 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. 1,2,3,4. JAMES DONALD CRAMER "Big Stoop"—*"A snicker, a chuckle, then a roar, when youre with Jim, there's fun galore."*—Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Excalibur Staff; "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; Chorus 4; Band 1,2,3; Prom Committee; Football 3; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Scarlet Quill Staff; American Legion Essay 3. FOREST EUGENE CROW "Forie"—*"Always talking, lot's of fun, Forie's swell to everyone."*—Hi-Y 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; "V" Club; Basketball Manager 2,3,4; Football 1,3,4; Boy Rotarian; Baseball Manager 2,3,4.

ROW II

LUCILLE MAE CROWE "Twin"—*"Here's a gal who's love is art, in this subject she's really smart."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra" F.T.A. 1,2. ROBERT DAVIES "Bob"—*"Bob is one who is never happy, until he gets in some jalopy."*—Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4. DOROTHY JEAN DAVIS "Jeanie"—*"Jeanie's hair is of natural curl, this is an asset to any girl."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3; Y-Teens 1,2; Chorus 1,2; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2. MARTHA JOAN DENIG "Jo"—*"Jo is president of G.A.A., she's cute and swell in every way."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 1; Band 1,2; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 4. CLIFFORD DITTO "Dittle" *"Cliff spends his time at the T&I, he's lot of fun and seldom shy."*—Basketball 2; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

ROW III

ALICE DUNNO "Al"—*"In typing and shorthand Alice shines, she's good in office work of all kinds."*—G.A.A. 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H. M.S. Pinafore;" "Hollywood Extra;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Intramurals 4. JOANNE ELEANOR EDWARDS "Jo"—*"First our cheerleader, then our Queen, here's a gal who's really keen."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Cabinet 3,4; "V" Club 4; Student Council 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Student Librarian; Homecoming Queen 4. ROGER R. ELSTON "Bunsen Burner"—*"Here's a fellow who's a brain, in chemestry he has earned his fame."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" Chorus 1,2,3; Band 1. BARBARA LOU FINKHOUSEN "Barb"—*"She may be short and rather petite, but to us she's always sweet."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" Chorus 1,2,3; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra." DON FRIEMOTH "Fruehauf"—*"Although freckles spot his face, he fits in well any place."*—Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

ROW IV

GORDON E. GARDNER"Gordie"—*"Gordon always has a grin, no one need be afraid of him."*—Chorus 1. ROGER GEISMAN "Rog"—*"Rog takes things easy and slow, but he's always in on the show."* RANDALL GIESSLER "Randy"—*"This senior boy is a low down bass, in farming too he will take his place."*—Hi-Y3,4; Student Council 1,2,3; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Lyre Club; Chorus 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Prom Committee; Boy Rotarian, Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4. RICHARD E. GLOSSETT "Dick"—*"Here's a boy who's in T&I, full of fun and not so shy."*—Band 1,2,3; Chorus 1; Boys' Intramurals 1; T&I 1,2,3,4. GENEVA JOYCE GRIGGS "Joy"—*"Always happy, lots of fun, she's given her heart to a lucky one."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Queen's Attendant 4.

ROW V

RUTH ANN GRINDAHL "Ruthie"—*"Rather quiet and kinda shy, her winning ways will catch your eye."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4. JAMES DALE GRUNDEN "Ray Boon"—*"Jim's sense of humor will carry him far, in anything, he'll be a star."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 4; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4. GLORIA JUNE HALLIWILL "June"—*"Real true blue, a wonderful friend, many hours with her we like to spend."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; "Chimes of Normandy; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra." JERRY HALLIWILL "Jerry"—*"Here's a girl on whom you'll depend, she's loyal and true and ne're does pretend."*—G.A.A.1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; "Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" Rendezvous Committee; Senior Class Play Committee. BARBARA HARMAN "Barb"—*"The diamond on her finger glows, her face a lot of happiness shows."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

ROW I

ROBERT JONES HICKMAN"Fleet"—*"Bob's a guy who can't be beat, Chemistry seems to be his meat."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club;"The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Football 2,3,4; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra." "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You." RICHARD FRANK HINES "Hinie"—*"In football he was really great, and true to his family he'll go to State."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club; Junior Class Play; Football 1,2,3,4; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3, 4. CALVIN JACOBS *"Jake" "Here's a boy in the "Farmer Four," from him we'll want to hear some more."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 4; Class Treasurer 3; Basketball 2; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4; F.A.A. 1,2,3,4. JAMES JARVIS "Juvis"—*"Juvis is president of our Hi-Y, he's kind of bashful, a little shy."*—Hi-Y 3, 4; Hi-Y president 4; Boys' Intramurals 1,2,3,4. CAROLYN MAY JOHNSON "Carol"—*"Hair of gold, eyes of blue, here's a friend who's always true."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

ROW II

ODETTA LOU JOHNSON "Detta"—*"She's a lot of fun, of that there's no doubt, this girl's praises we'd like to shout."* —Excalibur Staff; Lyre Club; Scarlet Quill Staff; Motto, Flower, and Color Committee. Band 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. 1,2,3,4. PATRICIA ANN KINSEY "P.K."—*"Five foot two with eyes of blue, the smartest gal you ever knew."*—G.A.A.; Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,3; Class Secretary 1,2,3; Excalibur Staff; Ring and Pin Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girl's Intramurals 1,2; D.A.R. Contestant; Scarlet Quill Staff; F.T.A. 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. Vice-President 4; National Honor Society 3,4. RICHARD LOWELL KNITTLE "Dick"—*"Dick's the boy with dancing feet. A quiet manner and hard to beat."*—Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Those Websters;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Intramurals 1; "Hollywood Extra;" Basketball Manager 2,3,4. GERALD VON KREISHER "Krash"—*"The Kreisher name is one well known, "Krash" is happy, you'll never hear him moan."*—Chorus 1; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A. HAROLD DON KREISHER "Pete"—*"This Kreisher is so like his brother, when you have one you think you have the other."*—Chorus 1; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.

ROW III

NEDRA YVONNE KRICK "Mickey"—*"A very sweet girl is Mickey Krick, of her manner no one can kick."*—G.A.A. 1; Y-Teens; Prom Committee; Junior and Senior Class Play Committees. LOWELL THOMAS KRICK "Kricket" —*"One to be trusted as well as loved, always at the top and can't be shoved."*—Hi-Y 4; "V" Club; Student Council 2, 3; "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Junior Class President; Football 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.; Boy Rotarian; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4. DAVID GLENN LIVINGSTON "Livy"— *"Three fifths genius and two fifths fun, wherever he is, his work's well done."*—Hi-Y 3,4; District President 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; President 4; Student Council 1, 3; "Those Websters;" Prom Committee; Buckeye Boys' State; "You Can't Take It With You;" Boy Rotarian; Basketball 1, 2;Boys' Intramurals; Baseball 2,3; Rendezvous Committee 2; Scarlet Quill Staff; Editor-in-Chief of Excalibur; American Legion Essay 2. BETTY LOUISE MACE "Betty"—*"You can count on Betty to be a friend, a good one too, clear to the end."*—Y-Teens; "Those Websters;" Usherette Club 3,4. MARGARET HELEN MAY "Peg"—*"Even though Peg has changed her name, with her giggly laugh, she's still the same."*—G.A.A. 2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4.

ROW IV

CHARLOTTE EILEEN MATTHEWS "Char"—*"In "Espanol" she does excel, her secret ambition she'll never tell."*— Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; Student Librarian; "You Can't Take It With You." RICHARD DAVID MATTHEWS "Tiny"—*"A tenor voice has this Senior boy, in television he'd be quite a joy."*—Hi-Y 3, 4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You;" Lyre Club; Chorus 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Cabinet; Junior Class Play Committee. CARL GLENN MAXON "Mac"—*"Although quiet Carl may ever be, he'll be famous, wait and see."*—T&I. DOROTHY MAY MENGERINK "Dort"—*"She is never full of grief, A good friend is my belief."* PATRICIA MERCER "Pat"—*"Friendly toward all with manner sweet, the kind of a girl you'd like to meet."*—Rendezvous Committee 1.

ROW V

BETTY LOU MILLER "Bette"—*"While Betty Lou is new to us, she's never known to make a fuss."*—(Ottoville) G.A.A.; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee. DEAN MILLER "Ring-Dang-Do"—*"Dean has been in T&I, he's got curly hair and is never shy."*—T&I. JUANITA ILENE MILLER "ANNIE"—*"Mighty quiet is this gal, in spite of this she's quite a pal."*—Y-Teens 1; F.H.A. 4; Chorus 2; "Hollywood Extra." WAYNE MOORE "Sleepy"—*"Wayne may be "Sleepy" but only in name, in sports as manager he alerts every game."*—Hi-Y 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals; Baseball Manager 2,3,4; Basketball Manager 4. HARVEY MYERS "Harve"—*"Here's a boy called Harvey Myers, of going to school he never tires."*—T&I.

ROW I

JOHN MYERS "John"—*"A very quiet boy is he, A friendto all, don't you agree?"* JAMES ROBERT McCLEARY "Mac"—*"Droll dry wit describes this lad, always your friend, if you're good or bad."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 4; Lyre Club; Band 1,2,3; Prom Committee; Boys' Intramurals; "You Can't Take It With You." PATRICIA JEAN McCOLLUM "Pat" *"Always remembered for beauty prizes, full of fun and lots of surprises."* G.A.A.; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "Hollywood Extra;" "Those Websters;" Chorus 1,2,3; Class Vice President 2; Girls' Intramurals; Queen's Attendant 3. MARY ELLEN OLBERDING "MARY" *"A toss of her head —a friendly smile, writing or clothes—she has a flair for style."*—Y-Teens, Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,3,4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Dance Band 1,2; One-Act Plays 2; Rendezvous Committee 2,3,4; Prince of Peace Contestant 3; Senior Class Play Committee. DONALD E PARSONS "Don"—*"Don is dark and not so tall, a friendly boy, comes at any call."*—Football 1; Boys' Intramurals; T&I.

ROW II

LUCY JANE PENNELL "Lucie" *"Here is a gal named Lucy Jane, her ability for acting has brought her fame."* Y-teens, Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,3,4; National Honor society 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 2; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy; "H.M.S. Pinafore;" "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You;" Chorus 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee; Senior Class Play Committee 3; D.A.R. Contestant; F.T.A.; F.T.A. Cabinet 1,2,3,4; Rendezvous Committee 4; Buckeye Girls' State; One-Act Play Committee 3; Junior Town Meeting 3; "I Speak For Democracy" contest 3; American Legion Essay 1,3,4. PATTY ANN PHILLIPS "Pat"—*"Not so tall, but can she draw, one of the friendliest you ever saw."*—Y-Teens 3,4. CAROLYN SUE PHILLIPY "Sue"—*"From Hoaglin-Jackson came a lass called Sue, our gain—their loss—there's so much she can do."*—G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens, Y-Teens Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "Those Websters;" "You Can't Take It With You;" Chorus 3,4; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant; Student Librarian. ROGER LOWELL POLING "Rog"—*"Roger is a little guy, intelligent, fun, and a wee bit shy."*—T&I; National Honor Society 4; Scarlet Quill Staff. PHILLIP B. PRICE "Phil"—*"Unassuming and quiet is he, a second Lincoln he may be."*—Lyre Club 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Boy Rotarian; F.T.A., F.T.A. President 2; National Honor Society 4.

ROW III

RICHARD PRICHARD "Prich"—*"A real good guy is our "Prich." someday, no doubt, he'll get rich."*—"V" Club; Basketball 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4; T&I. PRINCESS IOLA PRICHARD "Princey"—*"Princess is the type that likes to be free, when fun's on hand there she'll be.* Chorus 1; "Hollywood Extra;" Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff. JANET DARLENE RHOADES "Janet"—*"This girl has many a winning way, she's never blue, but always gay."*—G.A.A., G.A.A. Cabinet 3,4; Y-Teens; Student Council 4; Chorus 1,2; "Hollywood Extra;" Girls' Intramurals; Class Secretary 4. JAMES LEWIS ROLSTEN "Rusty"—*"Rusty is one that can never be beat, in any sport he's fast on his feet."*—Hi-Y3,4; "V" Club; Student Council 3; Chorus 2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Band 1,2,3; F.F.A.; Boy Rotarian; Rendezvous Committee 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Scarlet Quill Staff. ANTHONY SCARPELLA "Scarpe"—*"Here's one boy that's really sharp, dark and handsome, that's our "Scarpe."*—Chorus 1; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2,3; Boys' Intramurals; T&I.

ROW IV

MARILYN ANN SCHAADT "Marilyn"—*"Little and quiet is our Marilyn, in anything she does she'll always win."* H. PAUL SEMER "Crash"—*"Handsome, dark, and not so tall, is this Semer known as Paul."*—Basketball 2; Boys' Intramurals; T&I. LOWELL E. SHERBURN "Lowell—*"Lowell Sherburn is his name, with his farming he'll get his fame."* Chorus 2,3,4; "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A. NANETTE LEE SHRECK "Nan"—*"One of the girls we all enjoy, with her eye on every nice boy."*—G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Chorus 1,2,3; "The Chimes of Normandy;" Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; "Hollywood Extra;" F.T.A. 4. JAMES R. SPEITH "Speedy"—*"One of our Class is known as "Speedy," of many friends he'll never be needy."*—Hi-Y; Boys' Intramurals; T&I.

ROW V

JAMES EUGENE STABLER "Red"—*"Red is the color of this boy's hair, when they hand out the honors he'll get his share."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 3; "Those Websters;" Basketball 2; Football 1,4; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A., F.F.A. Cabinet 3; Boy Rotarian; Rendezvous Committee 3; National Honor Society 4; Buckeye Boys' State. ROBERT ALLEN STEPLETON "Seymour"—*"Bob is a twin in the Stepleton clan, he is known to all as a "Willard" fan."*—Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 4; Boys' Intramurals; Rotarian Debate 4; "You Can't Take It With You;" (Lima Central) Chorus 1; Band 1,2. ROBERTA ANN STEPLETON "Bert"—*"Bob's twin is this lass known as Bert, always friendly and hardly ever does flirt."*—Student Liberarian; Y-Teens; (Lima Central) Y-Teens Cabinet 1; Band 1,2; G.A.A. 1. DOROTHY CAROL STEVENS "Lorac"—*"A little bit scatter-brained with a beautiful voice, Carol, with her sweetness is always our choice."*—Y-Teens, Y-Teens Cabinet 3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore; Junior Class Play Committee.

ROW I

WANDA MAE STOLLER "Wanda"—*"Dark and shy and very petite, in typing she'll never be beat."*—Y-Teens 2,3; Chorus 2,3; "The Chimes of Normandy;" National Honor Society 3,4; "Those Websters;" Lyre Club 2, 3; Band 1,2,3; Band Cabinet 2,3; F.H.A., F.H.A., Preesident 4; D.A.R. Contestant. EUGENE SUNDERLAND "Sundy"—*"Sundy" is a real good guy, to be a pal he'll always try."*—Football 1,2,3,4; "V" Club. RUBY MARIE THATCHER "Rube"—*"In athletics she can't be beat, tall, slender, and fast on her feet."*—G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "Those Websters," Girls' Intramurals. GEORGE ELLIOT WALTERS "Pudge"—*"Pudge" is one that's a friend, we agree, his witty jokes and smooth dancing suit us to a "T".*—Hi-Y 3,4; Secretary 4; Senior Class Committee; Boys' Intramurals 2,4. JOYCE ANN WALTERS "Slats"—*"Slats" in sports is the best, "Can't be beat!" say the rest."*—G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4, Y-Teens President 2; National Honor Society 4; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals; Student Librarian; Rendezvous Committee 1.

ROW II

FRANCES ANN WASSON "Fran"—*"This Senior girl with manners so gay, Fran's the one to chase blues away."*—Y-Teens 2,3,4; "You Can't Take It With You.". BARBARA ANN WEAVER "Annie"—*"Her voice is soft, her heart sincere, she is known to all for her musical ear."*—Y-Teens 1,2,3,4, Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Band 1,2,3, Band Cabinet; Lyre Club; Prom Committee; Dance Band 2,3,4; D.A.R. Contestant; Rendezvous Committee 1; Junior Town Meeting 3. ETHO IRENE WELCH "Deke"—*"Here's a girl called Irene, full of fun but always serene."* F.H.A. 1. JANET MAE WILLIAMS "Janet"—*"Janet is a country lass, one of the favorite of our class."* Y-Teens, Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Prom Committee; F.H.A.; Chorus 1; "Hollywood Extra;" American Legion Essay 2. DORIS MAE MOHLER "Doris"—*"Williamson is Doris' new name, in everything else she's still the same."*—Chorus 1,2,3,4;"Hollywood Extra."

ROW III

NED DUANE WILLIMAN "Beefy"—*"Beefy" is this football players name, sports and singing will bring him fame."* Hi-Y 3,4; "V" Club; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Football 1,2,3,4; Boys' Intramurals. DUANE EDWARD WOLFORD "Lefty"—*"Duane is a joker, no one can beat, he's one swell boy you'd be glad to meet."*—Football 1; Baseball 1,2,3; T&I. COLLEEN WORTMAN "Coleen"—*"To meet Coleen is quite a treat, she's very attractive and oh, so sweet."*—Y-Teens 1,2, 3; Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "Hollywood Extra;" "The Chimes of Normandy;" "H.M.S. Pinafore;" "Those Websters;" Band 1,2,3,4, Band Cabinet; Lyre Club; Prom Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Dance Band; One-Act Play Committee; Scarlet Quill Staff; F.T.A. 1, F.T.A. Officer 1. NANCY IANE ZINSMEISTER "Zinny" *"Gentleness, truth, and every grace, are read distinctly in her face."*—Y-Teens 2,4. EARLENE TINDALL—*"Even though new, she's a friend to all, with her sparkling blue eyes she's always on call."*—(Guyman, Okla.) Pep Club 1,2,3; Office Assistant 4; Girls' Intramurals 1,2.

DON FOX "Foxie" (Picture not shown) *"He's quiet, yes, and pretty tall, but at T&I he's on the ball."*—THELMA THERESE ORTEGA "Tommy" (picture not shown) *"Here is a girl with a friendly smile, ever busy all the while."*—"H.M.S. Pinafore;" Chorus 4; (Spencerville) G.A.A. 1, 2,3; Chorus 1,2,3; Triple Trio 2,3; Girls' Intramurals 1,2,3; Student Librarian 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Minsterals of Monterey"1. FRANKLIN D. SMITH "Smitty" (Picture not shown) *"In our class he is the tallest, there is no doubt, he'll never be the smallest."*.

SENIOR OFFICERS

President .....Stan Agler
Vice-President .....Gene Bagley
Secretary .....Janet Rhoads
Treasurer .....Joan Denig

Senior Class History

Carefree high school days are drawing to a close for the graduating seniors of '51. To most of us, it seems a very short time since we sat in the study hall and were labeled "Greenies". But "Old Father Time" has finally caught up with us and we must leave our beloved Alma Mater and all the memories that bind us to it.

Our senior year, especially, has been one of excitement and numerous events. In September, we began by electing class officers. To lead our class we chose Stanley Agler, President; Gene Bagley, Vice-president; Janet Rhodes, Secretary; and Joan Denig, Treasurer.

To prove that our class contains able leadership, we have had many capable presidents of various organizations this past year—Joan Denig, G.A.A.; Mary Olberding, Y-Teens; Jim Jarvis, Hi-Y; Bill Balyeat, Student Council; Philip Price, F.T.A.; Gene Bagley, V-Club; Wanda Stoller, F.H.A.; Randall Geissler, F.F.A.; David Livingston, National Honor Society.

Since our school has always upheld democratic principles we elected our representatives to the student council. Those whom we chose to represent us were: Bill Balyeat, Stanley Agler, Joanne Edwards, Janet Rhodes, Gene Bagley, Jim Grunden, Jim McCleary, Bob Black and Bob Stepleton.

The following girls were chosen to take the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Test—Sue Phillipy, Ann Weaver, Jane Pennell, Wanda Stoller, and Pat Kinsey.

One vivacious senior girl, Joanne Edwards, has served our class as cheerleader for the past three years.

We have been extremely proud of a member of our class for his success in the Golden Gloves Contest in Fort Wayne and Chicago—Don Bechtol.

In the Senior Scholarship Test, a senior student, Bill Balyeat, scored first in the county.

Athletics also have played an important part in the activities of the year. The senior boys out for football were: Stan Agler, Gene Bagley, Gene Sunderland, Don Bechtol, Dick Hines, Jim Buerkley, Tom Krick, Bob Black, Jim Rolsten, Bob Thomas, Bob Hickman, Dick Prichard, Forest Crow, Ned Williman, and Bill Balyeat.

Those out for basketball were: Stan Agler, Gene Bagley, Jim Rolsten, Dick Busch, and Bob Black.

We, the members of the "class of '51," are now ready to fade into the past and become alumni of Van Wert High School. However, we shall never completely forget these years of fun and laughter, hard work and rewards, and the fine teachers who have helped to shape our destinies and future careers.

Seniors' Choice

Best Looking Senior Girl.....Pat McCollum

Best Looking Senior Boy .....Bud Bradford

Senior Girl with Best Personality.....Jane Pennell

Senior Boy with Best Personality.....Randall Giessler

Friendliest Senior Girl .....Janet Agler

Friendliest Senior Boy.....Dick Busch

Most Popular Senior Girl.....Joanne Edwards

Most Popular Senior Boy.....Stan Agler

Best Dressed Senior Girl .....Mary Bagley

Best Dressed Senior Boy .....Ned Williman

Senior Girl with Best Sense of Humor .....Fran Wasson

Senior Boy with Best Sense of Humor.....Gene Bagley

Most Studious Senior Girl.....Pat Kinsey

Most Studious Senior Boy.....Philip Price

Biggest Senior Wolfess .....Sue Phillipy

Biggest Senior Wolf .....Bill Balyeat

Best Girl Athlete .....Joyce Walters

Best Boy Athlete.....Jim Rolsten

Senior Girl with Best Figure.....Joyce Griggs

Senior Boy with Best Physique.....Jim Buerkley

Senior Girl Most Likely To Succeed.....Ann Weaver

Senior Boy Most Likely To Succeed.....Dave Livingston

Biggest Senior Character (Special Award).....Bob Hickman

ROW 1—Richard Adams, Peggy Agler, Martha Ainsworth, Paul Alvarado, Ruby Anderson, Carolyn Atha, Bill Baer, Fenton Bagley, Jim Bagley, Charles Balyeat. ROW 2—Jim Baltzell, Josephine Barrientos, Tom Bates, Audrey Bauer, Audrey Bauer, Mary Baxter, Pat Bebout, Carl Beck, Marcia Becker, Nancy Bennett. ROW 3—Virginia Bergstrom, Walter Billieu, Don Bisel (Soph.), Charles Blair, Judy Blue, Lydia Bowersock, Carolyn Brenneman, Joyce Bricker, Beverly Brown, Don Burk. ROW 4—Pat Butler, Pat Campbell, Jeannette Chambers, Ilo Chivington, Phyllis Clark, Marion Conley, Suzzone Conley, Germaine Conn, Carolyn Cotner, Luther Cox. ROW 5—Esther Cronkhite, Jean Cross, Marcille Crowe, Dorothy Darras, Helen Dempsey, Helen Dempsey, Shirley Dias, Mary Dietrich, Dick Ditto, Francis Dixon. ROW 6—Mary Downing (Soph.) Sue Dustman, Jackie Feeney, Ralph Felger, Mary Frericks, Carla Fisher, Shirley Foreman, Bob Fowler, Shirley Fraker, Betty Geisman (Soph.) ROW 7—Larry Giessler, Pat Gipe, Russell Gipe (Soph.), Dick Good, Pat Griffis, Ronnie Grimes, Bob Grubb, Rolden Heath, Rosemary Hiller, Jim Hipsley. ROW 8—Jerry Housten, Pat Houts (Soph.), Alberta Jenkins, Betty Johnson.

ROW 1—Paul Johnson, Don Keipper, Mary Ann King, Fred Klausing (Soph.), Shirley Klinger (Soph). Shirley Knodel, Dave Kouts, Betty Kruse, Delores Lehman, Ned Leiter (Soph.). ROW 2—Harriet Linton, John Longwell, Bill Maize, Marilyn Marks, Maurice Marlotte, John McCleary, Pat McMichael, Pat McMichael, Betty Mefford, Gary Mefford. ROW 3—Ernest Miller, Jim Miller, Ronnie Miller, Jim Mills, Don Mohr, Noel Moore, Harold Murphy, Eleanor Oechsle, Richard Packer (Soph.), Don Parsons (Senior). ROW 4 — Mary Pollock, Janet Prichard, Marcia Priddy, Carl Prill, Sue Reece, Donna Riechard, Sharon Rider (Soph.), John Riley, Dorothy Schaeper, Alice Schaffner. ROW 5—Bob Scheidt, Frank Schoonover, Beverly Scouten Jim Semer, Roger Sherman (Soph.), Billie Simpson, Jackie Simpson, Rose Ann Sinn, Myrna Sowers, Shirley Spearman. ROW 6—Nancy Spitler, Allen Stabler, Eileen Stegaman, Phyllis Steinmetz, Joan Stetler, Carl Stephenson, Neil Stuckey, Dorothea Tozzer, Shirley Truax, Ruth Unterbrink. ROW 7—Paul Wagstaff, Helen Wallace, Marcia Waymire, Harold Webster, Karl Wermer, Don Williams, Betty Wilson, Peg Winsley, Martha Wiseman, Bob Wisenborn (Soph.). ROW 8—Delores Wisener, Gene Wollenhaupt, Betty Wydallis (Soph.), Carol Zinsmeister.

Junior Class History

On a momentous day in September, 1948, the class of 1952 entered its high school career. It was the start of a new period in our lives, the beginning of high school. What a cocky air we had that bright and sunny morning. Hadn't we been upper-classmen the year before and the idol of those of the sixth and seventh grades? Sad to say, that confidence vanished the moment we entered the halls. Where were our friends who had laughed at our antics? Not even the Sophomores were sympathetic — and the Juniors and Seniors didn't know we even existed.

After emerging from the first trying week of this new adventure, we elected class officers: Jim Bagley, President; Dorothy Schaper, Vice-President; Nancy Bennett, Secretary; and Paul Wagstaff, Treasurer. By the end of that year, each member of the class had greatly enlarged his circle of acquaintances, broadened his mind, and acquired a bit of that indefinable loyalty called school spirit.

Proud of ourselves as "greenies", we next were Sophomores in the midst of a maze of events. Again we elected class officers, choosing Paul Wagstaff, President; Bob Skelley, Vice-President; Mary Ann King, Secretary; and Richard Adams, Treasurer.

We have, by hard efforts, managed to climb the rugged steps until at last we are "upper-classmen." We set out campaigning for class officers again, this time electing Paul Wagstaff, President; Dorothy Schaeper, Vice-President; Carolyn Cotner, Secretary; and Richard Adams, Treasurer.

Our representatives to the Student Council were Jim Baltzell, Larry Giessler, Bill Maize, Robert Scheidt, Allen Stabler, and Paul Wagstaff.

To Coach Smith for the fighting Cougar football team we sent Paul Alvarado, Jim Bagley, Jim Baltzell, Bill Maize, Jim Miller, Allen Stabler, and Don Williams.

Jim Bagley, Jim Baltzell, Carl Beck, and Harold Murphy represented our class on the basketball floor. Noel Moore served his third year as basketball manager. The "yellers" who cheered our boys on to victory were Peg Agler and Suzonne Conley.

"We Shook The Family Tree," a hilarious three-act comedy was presented by: Richard Adams, Jim Bagley, Marcia Becker, Virginia Bergstrom, Joyce Bricker, Carolyn Cotner, Pat Griffis, Rolden Heath, Eleanor Oechsle, Myrna Sowers, Allen Stabler and Gene Wollenhaupt. Prompter and stage manager were Rose Ann Sinn and Fenton Bagley.

In the Homecoming Festivities Peg Winsley represented the Junior Class as an attendant.

Five members were greatly honored by being elected to the National Honor Society. They were Fenton Bagley, Mary Lou Dietrich, Pat Griffis, Robert Scheidt, and Paul Wagstaff.

There is some real musical talent among the Juniors, many members being in the chorus and the band. Luther Cox and Robert Scheidt greatly assisted Mr. Jones and the chorus by having parts in the operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore." For the marching band Robert Scheidt served as the high-stepping drum major.

Many of our group participated in club activities. Serving on club cabinets were:
G.A.A.—Josephine Barrientos, Virginia Bergstrom, Joyce Bricker, Suzonne Conley, Germaine Conn, Rose Ann Sinn, and Marcia Waymire.
Y-Teens—Suzonne Conley, Germaine Conn, Carolyn Cotner, Sue Dustman and Myrna Sowers.
F.H.A.—Jean Cross, Jackie Feeney, and Carol Zinsmeister.
F.F.A.—Allen Stabler.
Hi-Y—Paul Wagstaff.
V-Club—Jim Bagley, Jim Baltzell, Carl Beck, Bob Grubb, Bill Maize, Harold Murphy and John Riley.
The dance band, led by Shirley Knodel, has greatly enlivened the school mixers.

Now that our high school life is three fourths over, we look back on our efforts with a feeling of satisfaction. We are looking forward with great anticipation to our Senior year and to the many good things which it holds in store for us.

CAROLYN COTNER

Sophomore Class History

Ding Dong, Ding Dong! Yes, the old familiar sound beckoned us to leave our summer sports and join in school activities once more. The building looked much more familiar than it had last year when we had sheepishly looked around, wondering what to do or where to go next. No, we weren't greenies anymore and we felt much older. To start the year off right, we elected the following class officers: Lloyd Lee, president; Bob Kibler, vice-president; Nancy Mayer, secretary; Juanita Grunden, treasurer.

Sue Eggers, Shirley Haight, Joyce Williman, Nancy Mayer, Jim Young and Lloyd Lee represented our class as student council members.

Basketball players from the sophomore class were: Gary Doxtater, Jim Gribler, Willie Hernandez, Roger Holtsberry, Ed Linser, Jay McKim, Don Miller, Frank Scott, Dick Smith, Bob Stemen, Bob Weisenborn, and Jim Young. Ralph Matthews and Norman McDaniels were managers.

Sophomore football players were Dick Geisman, Larry Gilliland, Willie Hernandez, Mike Kennedy, Lloyd Lee, Ed Linser, Norman McDaniels, Jay De McKim, Frank Scott, Bob Stemen, and Jim Young. Head manager was Rober Sherman, assisted by Bill Wertz.

We were proud to have Lloyd Lee, Dick Geisman, Jim Young, and Frank Scott in the V-Club.

Janet Kreischer, Colletta Collette, Janice Wells, Marilyn White, Barbara Burgoon, and Audrey Kreischer were cheerleaders.

Our majorettes were Shirley Johns and Doris Rhodenbaugh.

We had officers in quite a few clubs: Junior Y-Teens; Sally Jarvis, president; Laurie Gold, vice-president; Jean Purdy, secretary, Sylvia Thomas, treasurer. Junior Hi-Y: Bob Kibler, president; Jim Young, vice president; Larry Gilliland, secretary; Mike Kennedy, treasurer. Future Homemakers of America: Shirley Bell, secretary. Future Teachers of America: Roxanna Kreischer, secretary.

Sophomore homecoming attendant was Sylvia Thomas. Dick Geisman won the Golden Gloves Heavyweight Championship at Fort Wayne.

We have enjoyed the first two years of High School and are looking forward to the next two, curious to know what the future holds for us.

KAY MAXSON

ROW 1—Morrell Allen, Janice Anderson, Jim Baer, Rickey Bailey, Grace Becker, Shirley Bell, Shirley Benford, John Blake, Margaret Blanke, Betty Bolinger. ROW 2—Jayne Boroff, Shirley Boroff, Roxie Brown, Ed Brunni, Barbara Burgoon, Karen Clark, Colletta Collette, Bob Conley, Jack Conley, Marion Conley (Jr.). ROW 3—Fay Cooper, Norman McDaniel, Nancy Davis, Gary Doxtater, Jeannine Driscoll, Sue Eggress, Jim Exline, Terry Farlow, Elaine Gamble, Dick Geisman. ROW 4—Betty Giesman, Larry Gilliland, Laura Gold, Jim Gribler, Bary Grothouse, Juanita Grunden, Shirley Haight, Frank Hall, Donna Hallam, Pat Harden. ROW 5—Carolyn Harting, Willie Hernandez, Mary Hillery, Rodger Holtzberry, Pat Houts, Rickey Bailey, Sally Jarvis, Dean Jenkins, Kay Jerome, Gerald Jerome. ROW 6—Bud Jester, Shirley Johns, Mike Kennedy, Bob Kibler, Carolyn Kissell, Fred Klausing, Shirley Klinger, Audrey Kreischer, Janet Kreischer, Roxanna Kreischer.

ROW 1—Lloyd Lee, Ned Leiter, Ed Linser, Russell Mace, Ralph Matthews, Kay Maxson, Nancy Mayer, Meredith Mengerink, Don Miller, Jim Miller. ROW 2—Virginia Miller, Mary Myers, Bob McClure, Norman McDaniel, Jay McKim, Wilma McNeal, Elizabeth Osborn, Richard Packer, Shirley Painter, Bob Pangle. ROW 3—Jean Purdy, Doris Rhodenbaugh, Sharon Rider, Nancy Runyon, Richard Scaer, Pat Schaeper, Bill Schaffner, Frank Scott, Marilyn Sherburn, Roger Sherman. ROW 4—Margie Shock, Richard Smith, Fred Smith, Max Smith, Bill Spoor, Ronald Staley, Bob Stemen, Joyce Strick, Margaret Stripe, Gerald Thatcher. ROW 5—Sharon Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Rosalee Thurston, Jim Tomlinson, Doris Vian, Alice Weck, Janice Wells, Wilbur Clymer, Bill Werts, Cynthia White. ROW 6—Marilyn White, Wylie Williams. Haydn Williams, Charles Williams, Joyce Williman, Erma Wollett, Betty Wydallis, Jerry Young, Jim Young.

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Freshman Class History

The class of 1954, one hundred and sixty of us, were bug-eyed and humble like all of our predecessors. We didn't know "amas" from "amat," and thought that "x" marked the spot of a murder mystery. However, most of us finally found our way to classes. The girls learned to wear hose, and some of the boys gave up their "yo-yos" to learn dancing.

Budding athletes became apparent.

Politicians appeared on all sides. Of these we elected: John Blake, president; Kathleen Moore, vice-president; Loretta Huffine, secretary; Reha Elston, treasurer.

We were represented on the Student Council by: Mary Jerome, Fred Giessler, Chuck Richey, and John Blake.

Fifteen of our boys found time to go out for football. They were: Roger Agler, Gary Brian, Francis Balliet, Rick Barrientos, Danny McConahay, Phil Tanner, Ronnie Doner, Ollen Jones, Bill Dias, Chuck Richey, Gerry Dierks, Jim Wilson, Lester Wisener, Gale Gilliland, and Nathan Schaadt.

Representing us in basketball were: Rick Barrientos, Chuck Richey, Danny Murphy, Nathan Schaadt, Stanley Miller, Jim Miller, Larry McDaniels, Bill Gipe, David Hertel, and Danny McConahay.

Nancy Imler served as cheerleader.

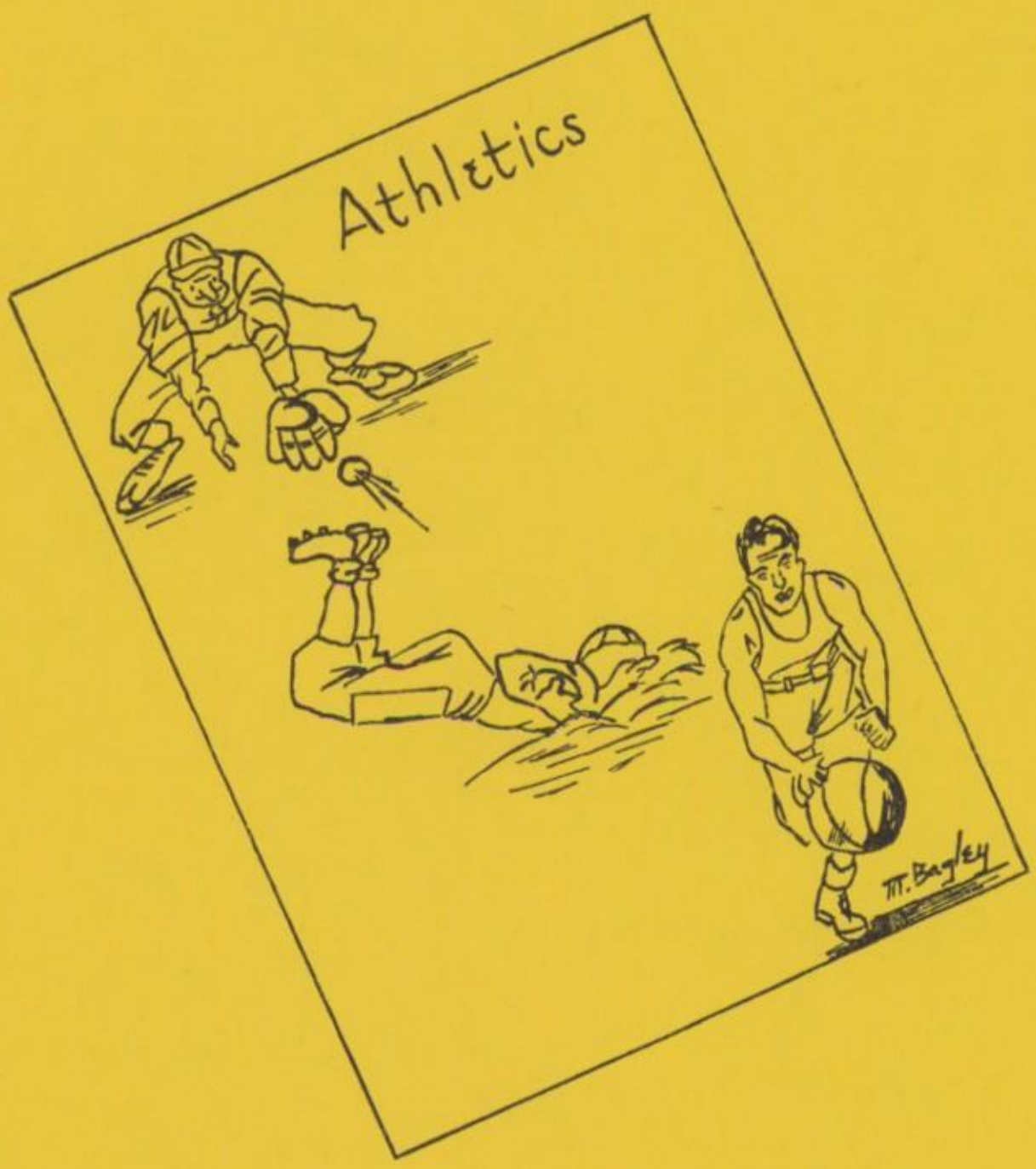
Representing our class on the G.A.A. Cabinet was Kay Brown.

Karen Brockert served on the Junior Y-Teen Cabinet.

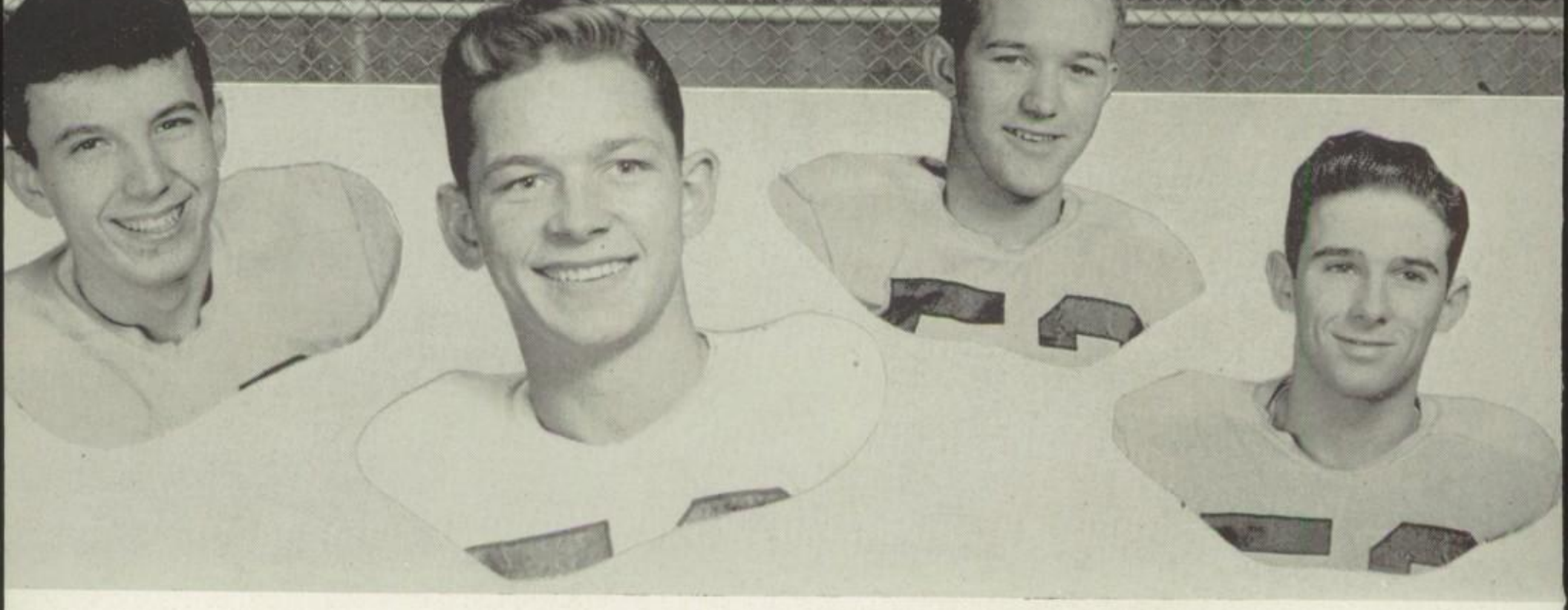
Band, Chorus, Junior Hi-Y, and various other organizations played important parts in the lives of the members of our class.

We have developed by this time into a group who looks forward to the future with courage and spirit. What's more we have made many new friends. We look forward with much eagerness to the coming years and hope that they will prove to be as enjoyable as our first.

PERRY KAY EDWARDS


Athletics
M. Bagley

Sports, both Intramural and Interscholastic, play an important part in the life of our school. In addition to varsity competition in football, basketball, and baseball, every boy or girl has an opportunity to participate in an extensive intramural program, which includes basketball, speedball, volleyball, and softball.



FOOTBALL

An offensive minded Cougar team opened the 1950 season with a 35-19 win over the Bryan Golden Bears. Jim Rolsten had the distinction of scoring the first Cougar touchdown with a 22 yard end sweep. Bryan tied the score with a touchdown by Robinson. Van Wert's next score came on a 69-yard completed pass from Krick to Rolsten. Jim Young scored the other three touchdowns and Krick converted on five of six placements.

Van Wert opened their home season with a 34-6 victory over the Defiance Bulldogs. The Cougars were in the driver's seat throughout, with Jimmy Rolsten scoring the first TD on a 47 yard end run. Rolsten scored again three minutes later on a pass play covering 60 yards. Baltzell was next to score with a 37 yard run. Baltzell broke loose again late in the third quarter and tallied another six pointer. Jim Young, Sophomore fullback, plunged over from the one yard line to score the fifth and final touchdown. Tom Krick split the uprights for four extra points.

The Cougarmen in their initial WBL game mauled the Kenton Wildcats 54-0 to set an Eggress Stadium record. The Cougars could do no wrong and scored at will, the first TD coming on a five yard run by Jim Baltzell. Jim Buerkley intercepted a pass on Kenton's 30 and set up the next Cougar score. Jim Young galloped over from the nine. Young scored twice more in the second quarter on plunges of 2 and 4 yards. Jim Rolsten did a double work in scoring his first TD. He ran 56 yards for a touchdown, but had it called back on a clipping penalty. On the next play, though, he went 63 yards to score. Dick Pritchard scored his first high school touchdown on a dash from the 20 yard line. Young climaxed the scoring with a 15 yard completed pass. Krick's educated toe converted six times.

COACHES

James Reeder

Fred Pinis

Gilbert Smith

Robert Keller

FOOTBALL - Continued

Van Wert continued on their winning ways by trouncing the Bluffton Pirates 40-12. The high scoring Cougars scored in every quarter, with Young and Baltzell leading the way with two touchdowns each. Van Wert scored two TD's in the first seven minutes of play. Krick blocked a kick on Bluffton's 15 and Baltzell scored on the next play. Krick converted to make it 7-0. Another blocked punt accounted for the second score, with Baltzell again going over, this time from the 8. Krick's kick was wide. Bluffton struck back with D. Triplehorn scoring. Bluffton scored in the second quarter to make it 13-12, but with seconds to go in the first half, Baltzell flipped a pass to Krick who scored. Krick's placement was good to make the score at halftime 20-12. Van Wert took complete control in the second half, scoring three times. Young plunged over in the third quarter, capping a 65 yard drive. Young scored again early in the fourth period on a smash from the 12 yard line. A fourth down punt, blocked by Agler, set up the last Cougar TD. "Rock" Thomas our rugged quarterback, smashed over from the 1 yard to make the final score 40-12.

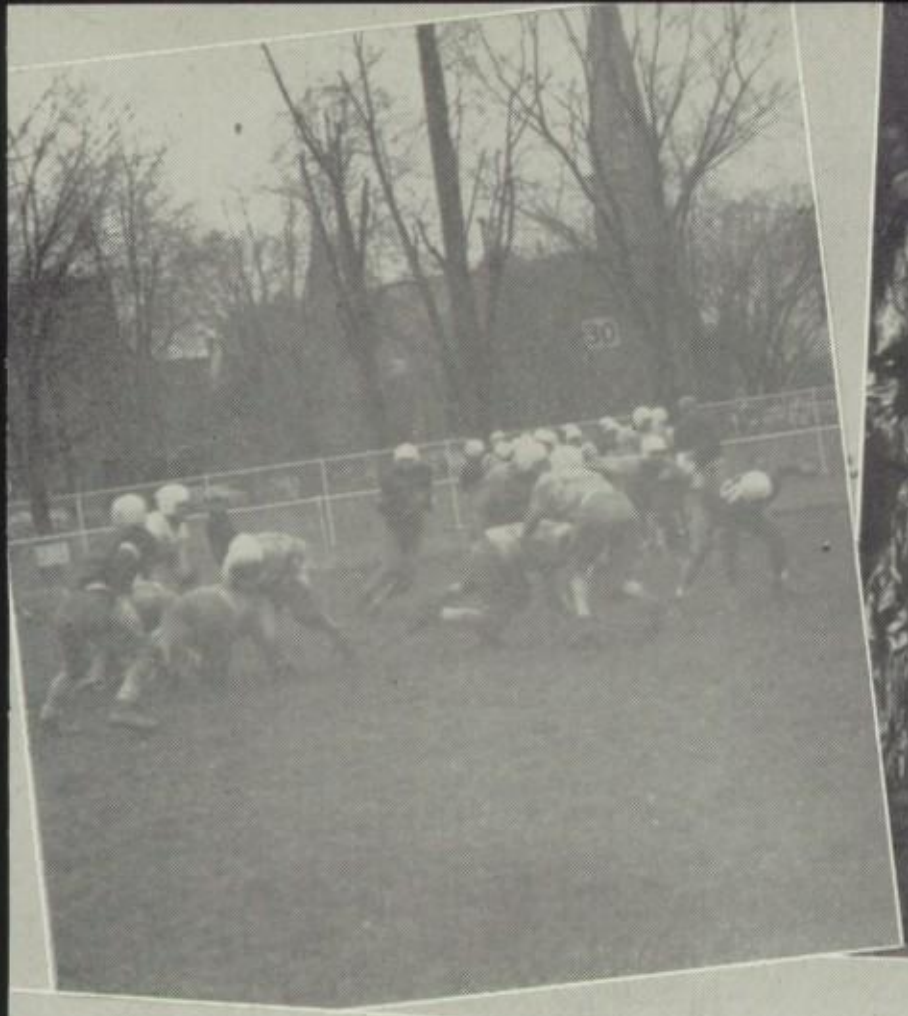
The following week-end the Cougars turned in a well earned victory over the Bellefontaine Chieftains. The Cougars, in what was perhaps their best played game of the season, came from behind in the fourth quarter to win 14-13. If it had not been for the accurate toe of Tom Krick and the hard running of Jim Young, the results might very well have been reversed. The first quarter was scoreless, but midway in the second Bellefontaine started rolling and scored on a pass from Barlow to Williams. The Cougars couldn't get started until the fourth quarter when they began a sustained drive that ended with Young carrying it over from the three. Jim Young scored again, this time on a 31 yard run, to finish up the Cougar scoring. But Bellefontaine was not through yet as they scored on a 41-yard dash by Barlow. Johns missed the extra point, and this was for both teams.

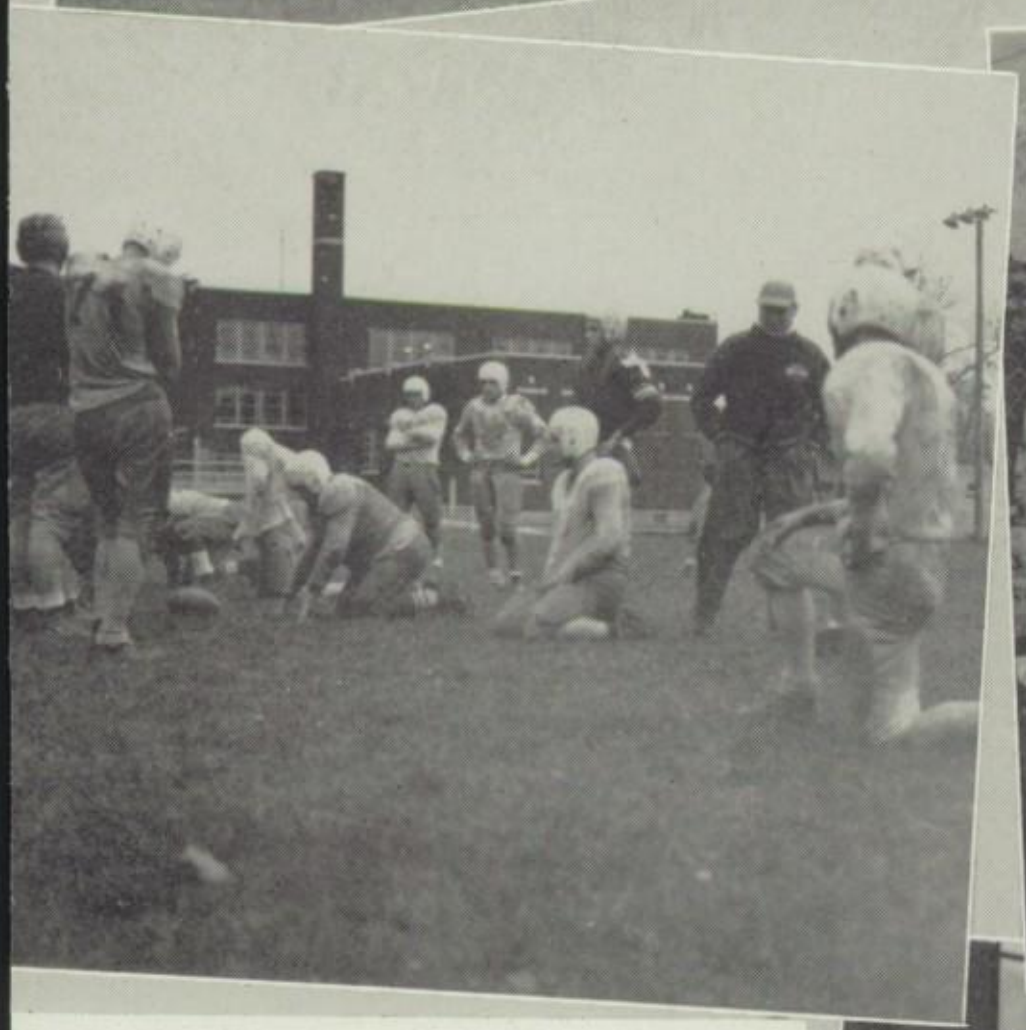
Wapakoneta proved to be the Cougars next victim, but not without putting up a struggle. Van Wert staved off a last minute rally which found the Redskins on the Van Wert 2 yard line when the final gun went off. The Cougars started strong, scoring twice in the first quarter, one on a pass from Tom Krick to Jim Rolsten and the other on a 28 yard sprint by Rolsten. Krick kicked both extra points to make the score 14-0. Wapak bounced back in the second quarter to score on a line plunge by Newland. Thomas's kick was wide, and the score stood at 14-6. Jim Rolsten scored again, for Van Wert's final TD. This time he traveled 55 yards on a beautiful end run. Krick converted again, making the score 21-6. But Wapak was not to be denied and they scored once more in the first half, again with Newland taking it over. From there on out it was Wapak's game, offensively. They tallied in the third quarter for their third and final touchdown, making the score 21-19.

Outscored but not outplayed, the Van Wert Cougars were handed their first defeat of the season by the powerful Lima Central Dragons, 27-13. Although beaten by two touchdowns, the game was not decided until the final minutes. The Cougars scored first, winding up a drive that started on their own 47 yard line. Young scored from the three yard line. Krick's boot was wide, and the Cougars led 6-0. On the second play from scrimmage, after the Van Wert score, Wilson, the tricky left half of Lima, went 68 yards to score. Bassitt's kick was good and Central led 7-6. With seconds left in the first half Central intercepted a Van Wert pass, and on the next play Mericle flipped a pass to Bassitt which was ruled complete because of interference. Wilson skirted left end to score and Bassitt kicked, making the score 14-6. Van Wert, not to be outdone, scored early in the third quarter, on a 45 yard march. Rolsten scored the TD, going over tackle from 5 yards out. Krick converted to make the score 14-13. It looked as though Van Wert would score again when they drove down to Central's ten, but the offense went into reverse and the Cougars wound up on the 24. Wilson, on the first play, took a pitchout and scampered 76 yards to score. Bassitt's kick was good, making it 21-13. Campbell went over from the 20 yard line for the last Central score, making the final score of the game 27-13.

Van Wert clinched the WBL championship by riding roughshod over the St. Marys Roughriders, 12-7. Adverse weather conditions prevailed throughout and helped hold the score down to three touchdowns. St. Marys early in the game marched to the Cougar's 17 but there they were stopped. St. Marys fumbled but once, on their own 28, where Buerkley recovered and Van Wert was on the move. Baltzell carried it over from the nine on an end sweep. Krick's boot was wide and Van Wert led 6-0. This was all the scoring for the first half, but St. Marys started the third quarter with a bang. Cook took a punt on the 46 yard line and traveled to Van Wert's 26. Skinner got 9 and Cogan made a first down on the 14. Skinner smashed over for the TD, then cracked center to add the extra point. St. Marys led, but not for long, for Baltzell took a lateral from Rolsten that was good for 43 yards and put the Cougars on the seven. Young blasted over for the score, giving Van Wert their final 12-7 margin.

The Cougars journeyed to Celina for their final game of the season. Favored by one touchdown, the Cougars were upset 26-20. The victory was the first win over Van Wert by Celina since 1940.





Bottoms Up

First Half Was Rough!

The Pause That Refreshes

Proud Papas

Varsity Cheer Leaders

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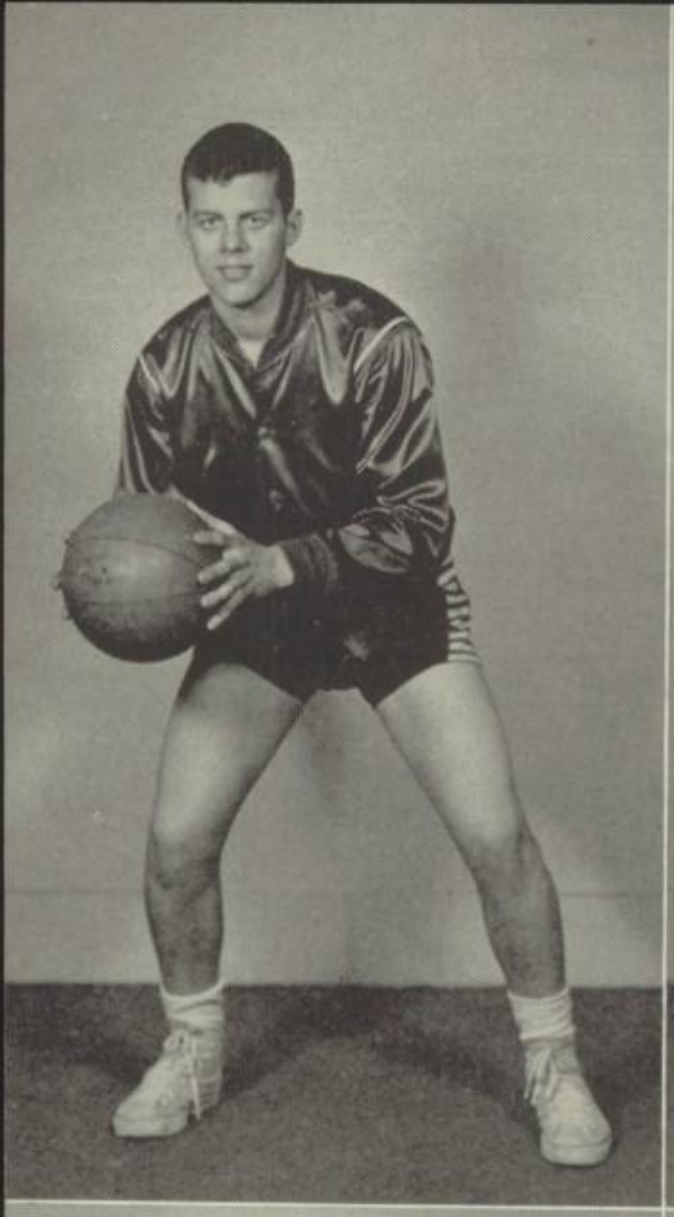
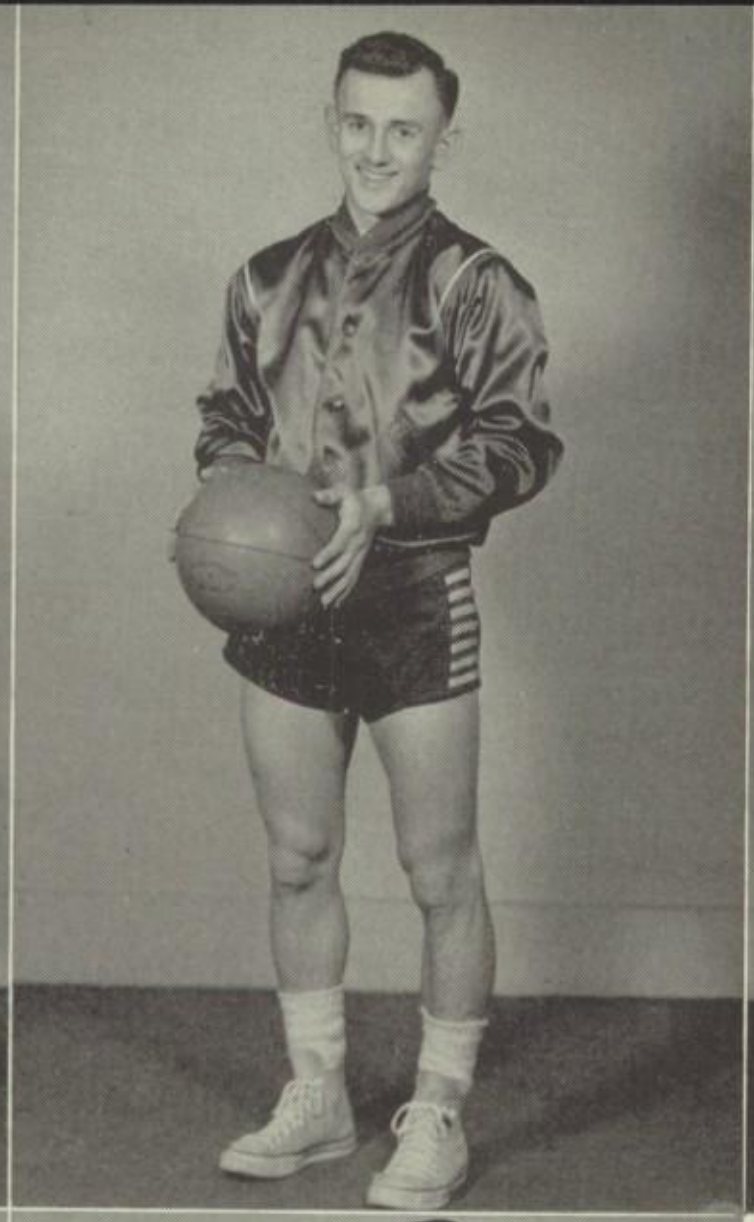
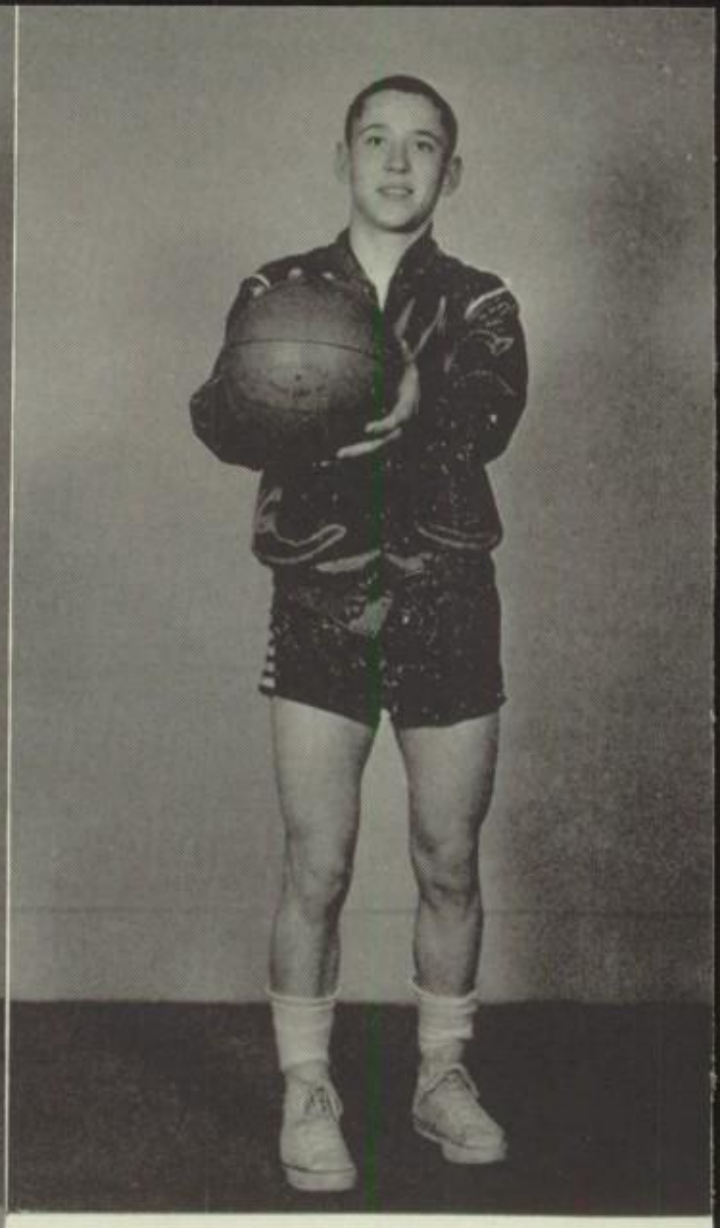
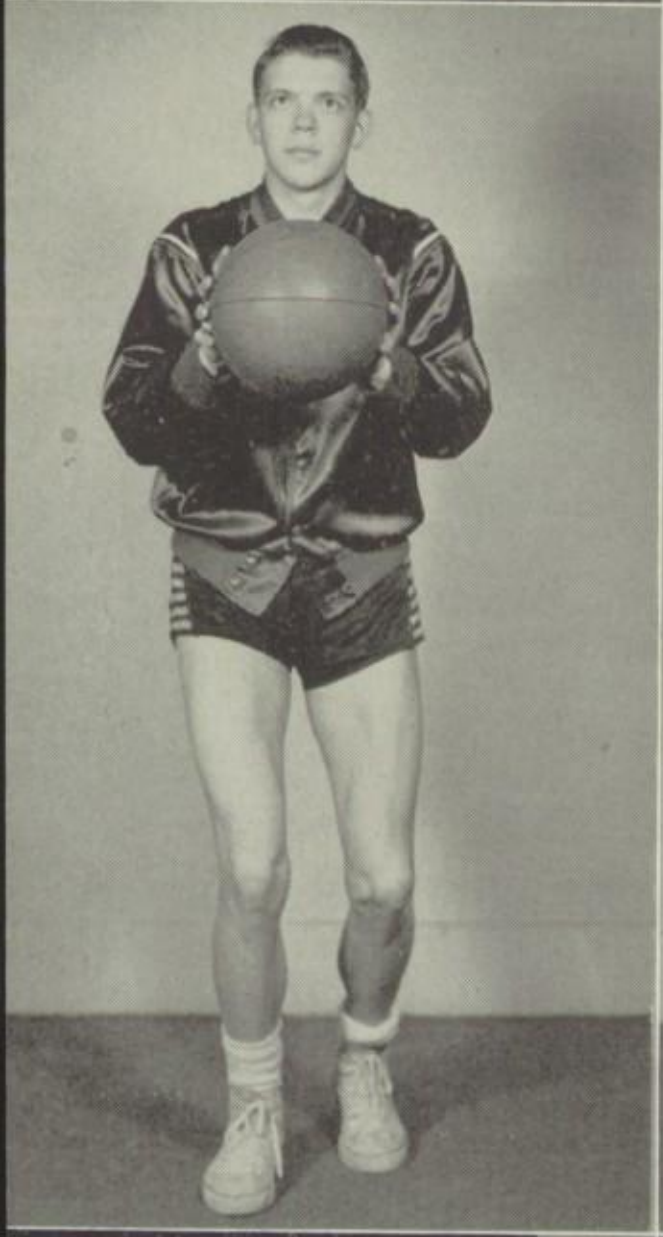
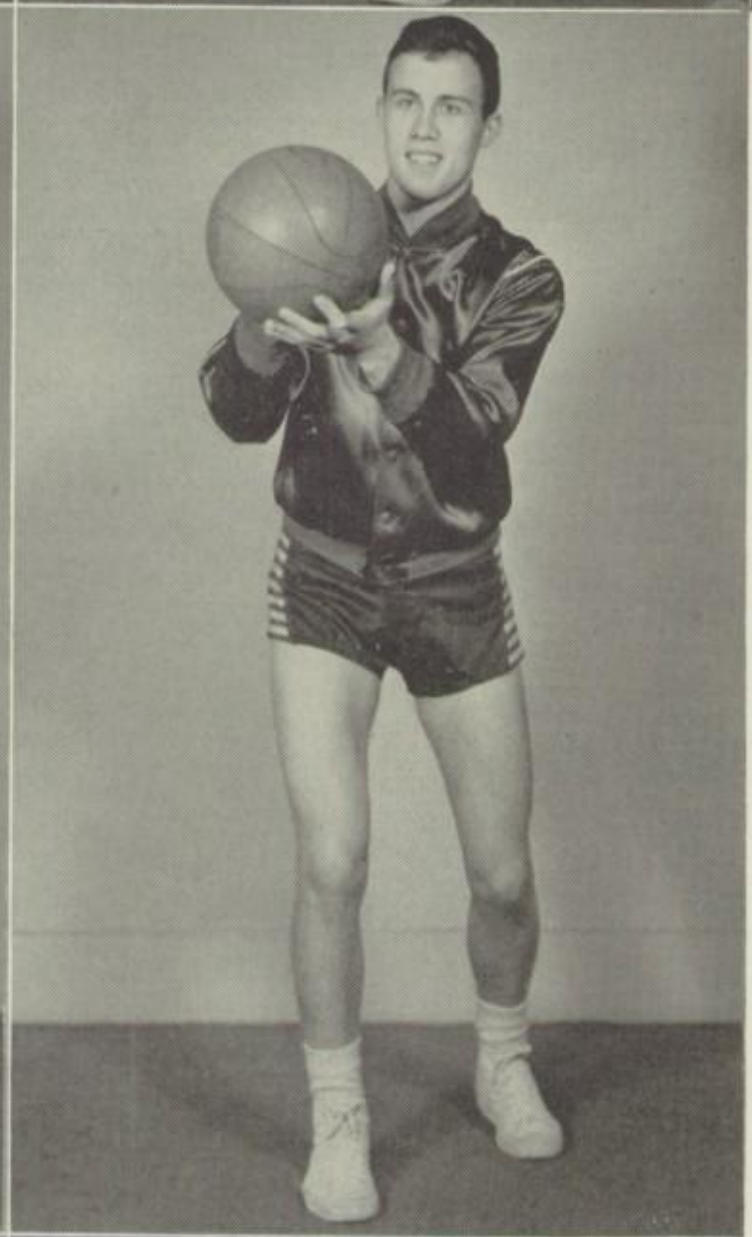










BASKETBALL

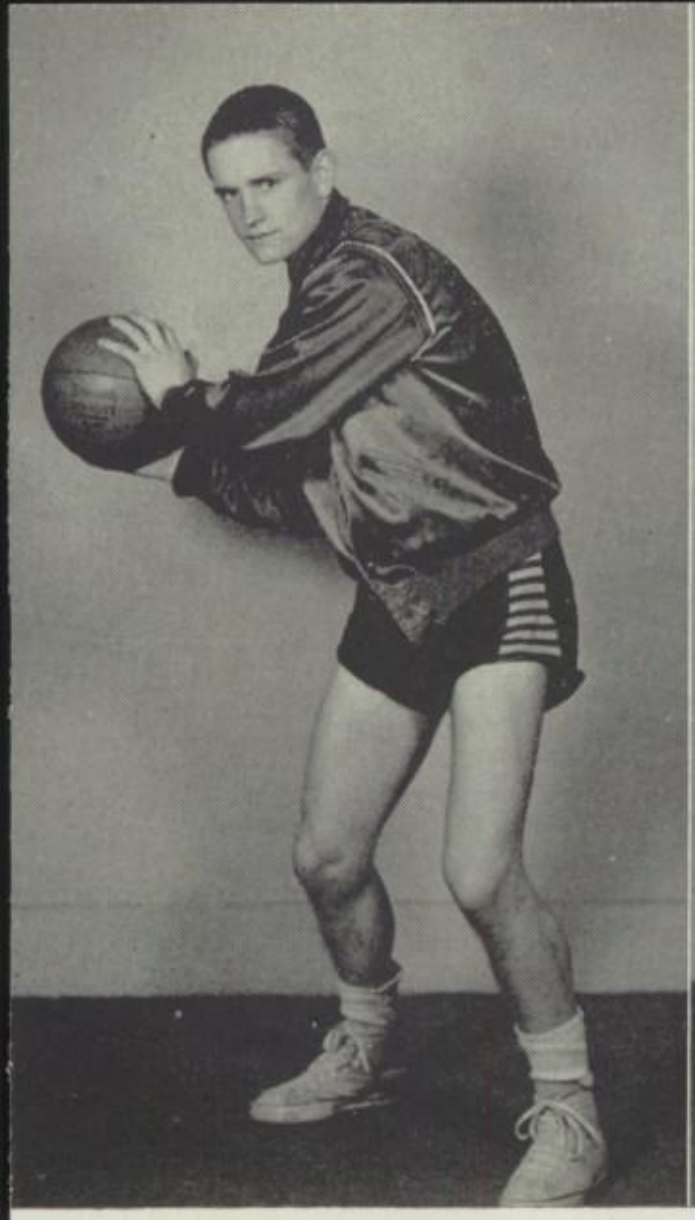
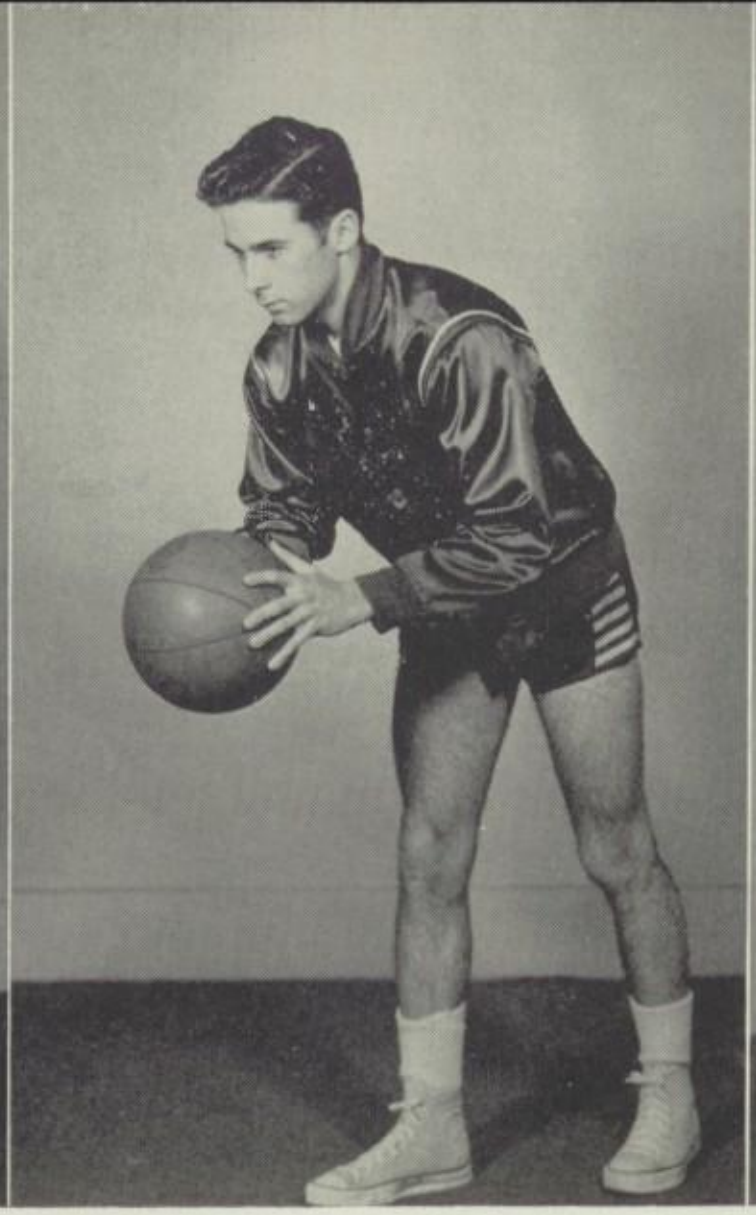
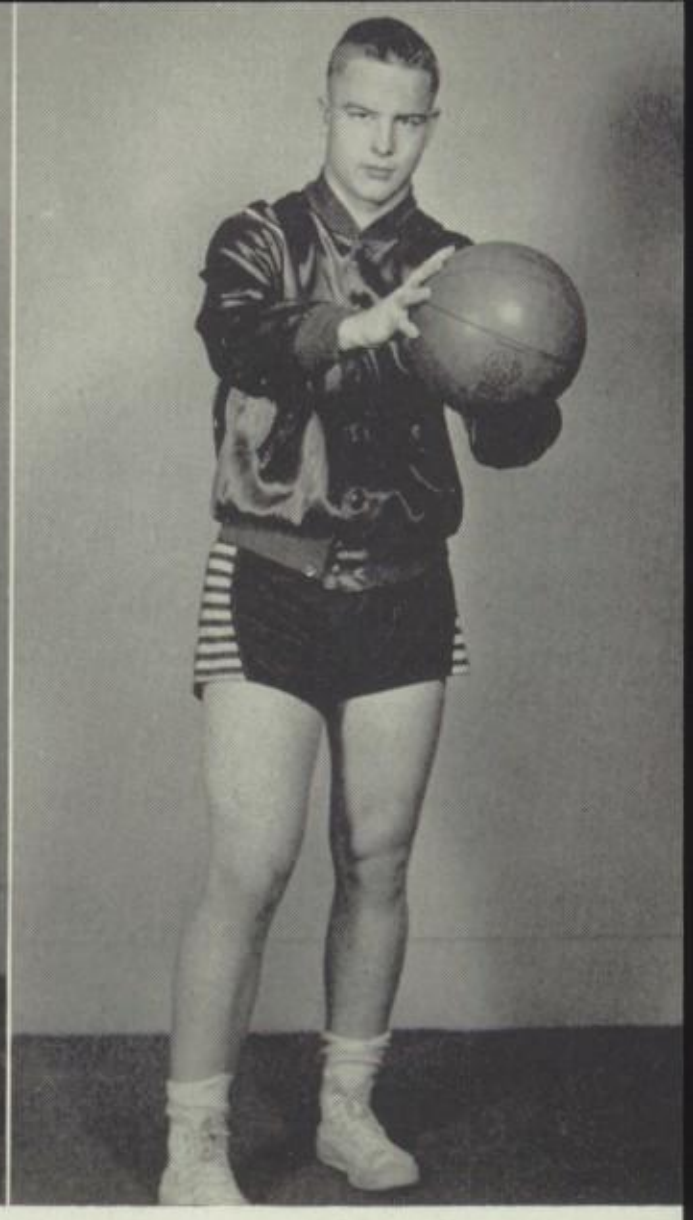
The Cougars started the basketball season off with a win over Paulding, 47-43. The game was close all the way, with Van Wert leading at halftime 25-23. Jim Bagley was high for the Cougar's with 13 points.

Lima Central dealt the Van Wert cagers their first defeat of the season by a 54-47 count. Central led the whole way, and in the third quarter enjoyed a 14 point lead. However, the Cougars rallied in the fourth quarter to come within 7 points. J. Bagley led the attack with 13 points.

Van Wert played their first home game of the season against the Ada Bulldogs and came out on the short end of the score, 56-55. Van Wert led until the last twenty seconds. At one time, they led by 15 points. J. Bagley headed the Cougar scoring with 15 points.

The following Tuesday the Cougars suffered their third straight setback at the hands of Toledo Scott, 53-38. Toledo led at halftime 29-14. J. Bagley was high with 10 points.

In a game that was close all the way, Van Wert lost to Bellefontaine, 62-29. Bellefontaine led at half-

time 34-28. Jim Rolsten scored 23 points to lead the Cougar attack.

The Cougars won their second game of the season by trimming Montpelier 60-44. A big second period, consisting of 21 points, helped Van Wert very much. G. Bagley and J. Bagley led the scoring with 18 and 16 respectively.

Van Wert traveled to St. Marys the following week and were handed their worst defeat of the year, 71-50. Dean Cook, St. Mary's sensational forward, led the Roughriders with 30 points. Jim Young and Jim Bagley scored 13 and 10 respectively.

The Celina Bulldogs dealt the Cougar's their sixth defeat of the season 51-44. Celina led throughout, but Van Wert came within two points in the final quarter. J. Bagley paced the Cougar five with 15 points.

Van Wert next edged the Wapak Redskins in a thriller 57-52. In a nip and tuck game all the way, the Cougars took a lead in the third quarter and never relinquished it. Busch, Rolsten, and J. Bagley got 15, 14, 13, respectively.

The Cougars won their second game in a row by defeating the Defiance Bulldogs 44-36. Play was close throughout with Van Wert leading at halftime 18-15. They were never headed after that. G. Bagley and J. Bagley collected 14 and 12 points respectively for the Cougars.

Once again on their home floor, as in three previous games, the Cougars lost a tough one to Lima South. The difference in the two teams was big Dick Johoske, South's center, who scored 20 points. Rolsten and J. Bagley were high for the Cougars with 14 and 13 respectively.

The Bluffton Pirates outlasted the Cougars in the fifth W.B.L. game, 61-53. The lead changed hands five times in the last quarter and was tied three times. J. Bagley netted 19 points to pace the Cougars.

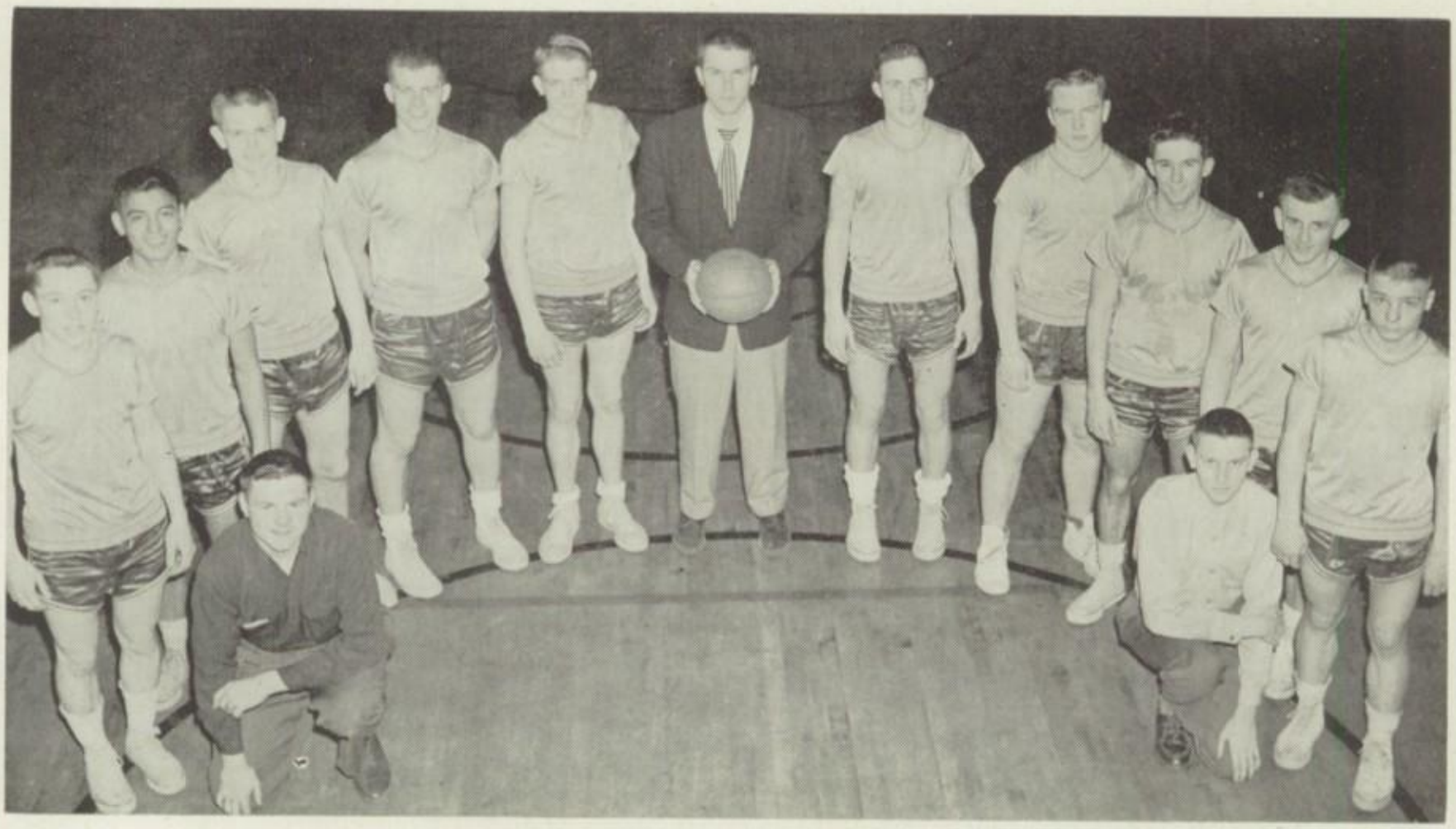
In a game with Mansfield, rated second in the state, the Cougars played their best all around game of the season. More teamwork and spirit were shown in this game than in any previous one. Mansfield, led by the State's number one player, Ken McCally, finally took over in the second half, and defeated the Cougars 66-55. McCally led all scorers with 25 points. Gene Bagley and Jim Young were high for the Cougars with 17 and 12 points.

In their final W.B.L. game the Cougar quintet whipped the Kenton Wildcats 60-53. In a game that was marred by 47 personal fouls, the Cougars led all the way. J. Bagley netted 18 points for the Cougars.

Bryan edged the Cougars, 59-55, in one of the best games of the year. A thriller all the way, Bryan led at halftime 28-24. Gene Bagley, in his highest scoring game of the year, scored 24 points.

Van Wert rang down the curtain on its regular season's play by completely routing Upper Sandusky 80-58. In this record scoring contest for the Cougars, J. Bagley, G. Bagley and J. Rolsten had 28, 22, and 13 points respectively.

Van Wert drew Celina in the Tournament at Ada, but did not get past the Bulldogs. Celina took an early lead and led at the half by 16 points. The Cougars finally got started late in the third quarter, but it was too late by then. Dick Busch and J. Bagley led the Cougars with 12 and 10 points.



Varsity

Left to right—Beck, Hernandez, Crow (manager), Agler, G. Bagley, Busch, Coach Reeder, J. Bagley, Young, Black, Knittle (manager), Rolsten, Murphy.

Reserves

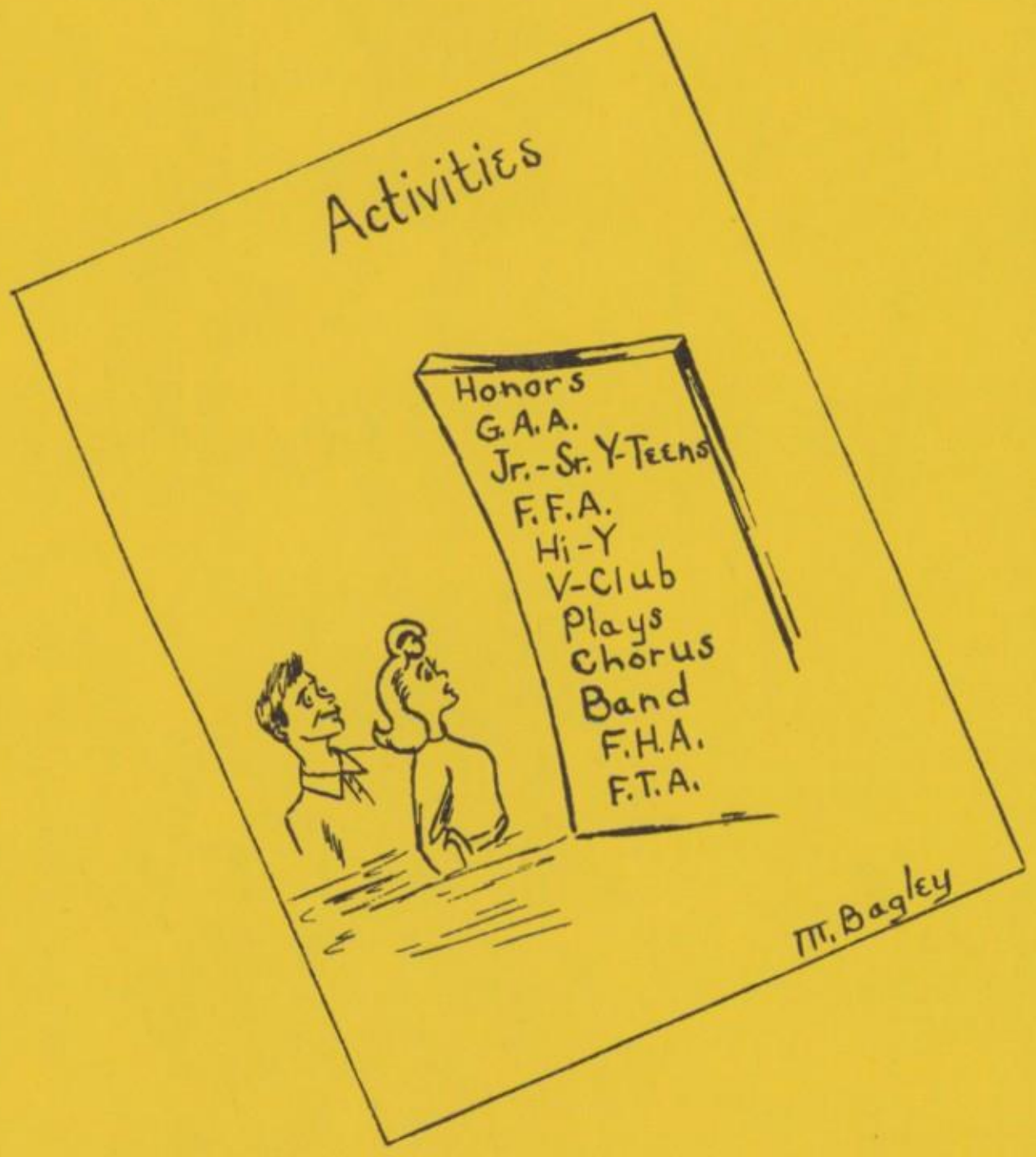
Left to right, front row—Murphy, Hernandez, Baltzell, McDaniel (manager). *Second row*—Gribler, Scott, Wisenborn, McKim, Stemen.

GOLDEN GLOVES

This year Van Wert High enjoys the rare distinction of being able to claim two Fort Wayne Golden Gloves titlests, Don Bechtol, lightweight, and Dick Geisman, heavyweight.

In the Tournament of Champions at Chicago Stadium Bechtol won three fights, advancing to the semi-finals before being stopped. Geisman won his first fight but dropped his second.

COUGARS IN ACTION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HI-Y

Van Wert High School can be very proud of it's Hi-Y club. Throughout the past year it has done many things for the school and community.

The club is quite large this year and therefore can participate in more activities. Along with the annual affairs, such as the Hi-Y ladies' night and the spring hayride, that are traditional with the club, they sponsor mixers and paid assemblies. This year for the first time the Hi-Y members did soliciting for the Community Chest.

The Hi-Y cabinet consists of Jim Jarvis, President; Paul Wagstaff, Vice President; George Walters,Secretary; and Bill Balyeat, Treasurer. Dave Livingston served as District President.

Representatives from the Van Wert Hi-Y club are sent to Camp Nelson Dodd and to several district meetings every year.

The Hi-Y keeps the treasurer busy by selling pop at the local basketball games. This club is one of the outstanding organizations in the school and community.

There is also a Junior Hi-Y club which has been recently organized consisting of freshmen and sophomore boys who are interested in Hi-Y work. Both of these fine Christian organizations are helping to better the standards in their school under the able direction of their advisers, Mr. Rauch and Mr. David Jones.

Homecoming

The Homecoming of the class of '51 was sponsored by the Journalism class, and proved to be a huge success. The weather was ideal for such an event.

Joanne Edwards, our very lovely queen, was chosen by vote of the entire high school from the field of five candidates. Her attendants were: Joyce Griggs, Senior; Peggy Winsley, Junior; Sylvia Thomas, Sophomore; Donna Parsons, Freshman.

Invitations were mailed to graduates of the previous three years, inviting them to attend the game and dance. Many were able to attend.

The game was preceded by a parade downtown to which many dealers loaned their cars. The queen and her court rode in convertibles. Jim Buerkley and Tom Krick, co-captains of the football team, crowned Joanne homecoming queen at half-time. They presented her with a bouquet of red roses. The attendants received gold pen and pencil sets. Following the game a dance was held in the high school gymnasium, which was decorated in scarlet and gray. During intermission an amateur hour furnished the entertainment. Prizes for the best acts were given.

Girls Athletic Association

The G.A.A. as in the past year, began its athletic program with the annual G.A.A. hike. This hike enables the old and new members to meet each other, get acquainted with the club, and earn the 25 points required for membership.

The induction service, conducted by the new cabinet, was held October 4, after a potluck supper, in the high school gym. Twenty-seven girls became new members. This boosted the club membership to 126 girls.

King Sports reigned over all. The girls enthusiastically entered all activities. The major sports were speedball, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. In the All-Star Basketball Tournament, the seniors, for their second consecutive time, winning it their Junior year, captured the championship trophy.

Following the G.A.A. calendar, it is found that the club's program for the year included 2 banquets —football and basketball - Christmas program for its members, a penny lunch, spring dance, G.A.A. play day for the eighth grade, program for its mothers, and the senior farewell supper.

Under their competent leader, Joan Denig, and their able adviser, Mrs. Lela Duprey, the G.A.A. had an eventful and active year.

"51" cabinet members were—Joan Denig: President. Janet Rhoades: Vice President. Marcia Waymire: Secretary. Joyce Walters: Treasurer. Joanne Edwards: Basketball Manager. Joyce Bricker: Assistant Manager. Sue Phillipy: Program Chairman. Suzonne Conley: Assistant Chairman. Janet Agler: Volleyball Manager. Josephine Barrientoes: Speedball Manager. Virginia Bergstrom: Softball Manager. Marilyn White: Hiking and Biking Manager. Nancy Mayer: Swimming and Skating Manager. Colletta Colletta: Bowling and Ping-Pong Manager. Rose Ann Sinn: Historian.

Student Council

A representative group of students nominated by their president and elected by their fellow classmates comprise the Student Council. Membership of the Student Council is made of the following ratio among classes: eight Seniors, six Juniors, five Sophomores, and four Freshmen. The Presidents of the respective classes are members "ex-officio."

The Student Council meets every three weeks, when, under parliamentary procedure, they discuss problems common to both the students and faculty.

At the first meeting of the year 1950-51, these officers were elected: Bill Balyeat, president; Jim Baltzell, Vice President; Joyce William, Secretary-treasurer.

Among the accomplishments of the Student Council this year were: the management of the Vocational Guidance Conference; conducting the eighth grade on their visitation day; and the improvement of the conduct in the halls.

The functions of the council are divided among five separate organizations, called squads. The names of the squads and their members are as follows:

SOCIAL SQUAD—Bob Stepleton, Chairman; Joan Edwards, Sue Eggress, John Blake, Larry Giessler, Bob Black.

CONDUCT SQUAD—Stanley Agler, Chairman; Gene Bagley, Jim Young, Lloyd Lee, Bill Maize.

ASSEMBLY SQUAD—Bob Scheidt, Chairman; Janet Rhoades, Jim McCleary, Allen Stabler, Nancy Bennett.

FINANCE SQUAD—Paul Wagstaff, Chairman; Fred Giessler, David Hertel, Jim Grunden.

COURTESY SQUAD—Nancy Mayer, Chairman; Mary Jerome, Shirley Haight, Chuck Richey

The faculty advisers are Mr. Baker and Mr. Gallapoo.

National Honor Society

Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character are the four cardinal principles on which is based the selection of students for membership in the National Honor Society.

The emblems are the flaming torch, a symbol of knowledge, and the keystone, a sign of stability, supporting truth and purpose. Blue and gold are the colors and Noblisse Oblige (Nobility has obligations) the motto.

Van Wert High School's chapter, organized in 1930, now has 360 names on the membership roster. Twelve of that number were inducted this year in an impressive ceremony conducted by last year's members, who were Patricia Kinsey, David Livingston, William Balyeat, Wanda Stoller, Forest Crow, and Ann Weaver. Seven Seniors, including Randall Geissler, Jane Pennell, Sue Phillipy, Roger Poling, Philip Price, James Stabler and Joyce Walters, and the following juniors, Fenton Bagley, Mary Lou Dietrich, Pat Griffis, Robert Scheidt and Paul Wagstaff, were inducted.

Senior Y-Teens

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR THE FUTURE was the theme of the Senior Y-Teen club for the year 1950-1951. Under the guidance of Miss Martha Lown, the club had a very constructive and interesting year. The Purpose of Y-Teens is "to build a fellowship of women and girls, devoted to the task of realizing in our common life, those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians." Our meetings were built around this as well as our theme.

A few of the numerous activities the Y-Teens participated in are; a Christmas Tea for our Mothers, a meeting with the Hi-Y club, a "Punkin Prom," a Penny Lunch, an Easter Assembly, a panel discussion on marriage with Mrs. J. Miller Gold serving on the panel, a county Y-Teen dance at the Y.W.C.A., and many service projects for the good of the community and the school. For the first time members of our club along with members of county clubs helped with the Y.W.C.A. membership drive and were heard on the radio on stations in the vicinity of Van Wert.

Through the capable work of the following students the year of 1950-1951 was a successful one: Mary Olberding, President; Carolyn Cotner, Vice President; Pat Kinsey, Secretary; Myrna Sowers, Treasurer, Jane Pennell, Program Chairman; Sue Phillipy, Social Chairman; Ann Weaver, Devotional Chairman; Germaine Conn, Service Chairman; Janet Williams, Ways and Means Chairman; Suzonne Conley, Music Chairman; Carol Sue Dustman, Pianist; and Miss Martha Lown, adviser.

Junior Y-Teens

This year, under the leadership of their President, Sally Jarvis, and their club adviser, Miss Helen Irwin, the Junior Y-Teens witnessed their third year since the club has been separate from the Senior Y-Teens. The girls all agree that this experiment has proven to be quite successful.

The meetings were interesting and enjoyable. Guest speakers were invited to give talks and discussions. At one of the meetings, the girls held a Bobbie Sock Hop in the Rendezvous room at the Y.W.C.A. Also the club had joint meetings with the Junior Hi-Y, and at Christmas they sent bundles to the less fortunate.

The Junior Y-Teens worked together with the Senior Y-Teens, in planning many of their activities. One of these was the Mothers' Tea at Christmas.

This year's officers were: Sally Jarvis, President; Laura Gold, Vice-President and Program Chairman; Jean Purdy, Secretary; Nancy Mayer, Service Chairman; Kay Maxson, Publicity Chairman; Cynthia White, Social Chairman; Sue Eggress, Pianist; Colletta Collette, Membership Chairman; Elaine Gamble, Devotional Chairman; Carolyn Harting, Music Chairman; Miss Helen Irwin, club adviser.

Future Farmers of America

The Van Wert-Marsh Chapter of the F.F.A. has ended another year in flying colors. Bob Kibler and Richard Adams were members of the All-Boys' State F.F.A. Band. Randall Geissler again was honored by being chosen to sing in the National F.F.A. chorus.

The club donated generously to the March of Dimes, to the Community Chest, to the National F.F.A. Foundation, and 250 cans of tomatoes to the needy families of Europe.

Members who won Varsity V's were Jim Bagley, Jim Baltzell, Jim Buerkley, Lloyd Lee, Tom Krick, Bill Maize, and Jim Rolsten.

The "Shooting Stars", one team entered in the Intramural Basketball League, had an undefeated season with twenty-three consecutive victories. The shooting Stars were basketball champions of the Y.M.C.A. League and the Intramural League.

Club activities for the year included a trip to Cleveland to see the Cleveland Indians, a trip to Fort Wayne to see the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons, state and county fair exhibits, a hayride, a high school mixer and a Parent and Son Banquet.

The officers for this year were: Randall Geissler, President; Allen Stabler, Vice President; Calvin Jacobs, Secretary; Tom Krick, Treasurer; James Buerkley, Reporter; Harold Kreischer, Sentinel; and Jim Rolsten, Historian.

Mr. John H. Leonard, who is the adviser of the chapter, did another commendable job in bringing recognition to the Van Wert-Marsh Chapter of the F.F.A.

"V" Club

F. T. A.

F. H. A.

Usherettes

"V" Club

"To encourage high standards of sportsmanship and clean living" is the purpose of the V Club. Membership in the V Club consists of those who have earned a varsity letter in baseball, football or basketball. Cheerleaders and managers are also included in this honor organization. Qualifications for the letter awards are under rules set up by the Athletic Board of Control.

The officers of the club this year were: Gene Bagley, president; Stan Agler, vice-president; and Jim Bagley, secretary-treasurer. The faculty advisor is Mr. Livingston.

The members of the V Club are: Stan Agler, Gene Bagley, Jim Bagley, Jim Baltzell, Don Baer, Don Bechtol, Bob Black, Jim Buerkley, Forest Crow, Dick Geisman, Bob Grubb, Bob Hickman, Dick Hines, Tom Krick, Lloyd Lee, Bill Maize, Wayne Moore, Harold Murphy, Dick Pritchard, John Riley, Jim Rolsten, Frank Scott, Roger Sherman, Gene Sunderland, Ned Williman and Jim Young.

Future Teachers of America

F.T.A.—Future Teachers of America—was organized by states and also nationally three years ago. This club was organized because of the desperate shortage of teachers in both the elementary and high school levels. Its purpose is to interest and enlist young men and women into the teaching profession. The state of Ohio has one of the strongest of the F.T.A. groups in the United States.

Some of the main activities of this group are the visitation of city and county schools, substitute teaching, and meetings once a month. Mr. Livingston and Miss Lown were the guest speakers for the club this year.

Officers of the club are: President, Philip Price; Secretary, Roxanna Kreischer; and Treasurer, Jane Pennell.

Other members of the club are: Judy Nash, Barbara LaLonde, Pat Kinsey, Eva Kay Kesler, Inez Jenkins, Larry Gilliland, Betty Bolinger, Donna Clymer, Odetta Johnson, Donna Reichard, Nanette Shreck, Pat Griffis, Fay Ann Cooper, and Georgia Mace.

Future Homemakers of America

Motto: "Toward New Horizons"

Future Homemakers of America is a National Organization of girls studying homemaking in the high school. The National Future Homemakers was founded June 11, 1945. The local chapter affiliated with state and national organizations September 1945. F.H.A. is the Junior Organization of the American Home Economics Association. Four Degrees of Achievement are given in the organization. These include —Junior Homemaker, Chapter Homemaker, State Homemaker, and American Homemaker. A national program of work is followed. Activities are planned in order that the goal of the organization may be attained as well as those of homemaking classes. Wanda Stoller is president of the local chapter this year and Miss Mary Sawyer is adviser.

The "Award of Merit" is given each year for a chapter doing outstanding work. This is the sixth consecutive year for the local chapter achieving the award. One of the requirements is "Improvement of the Homemaking Department". Added to the department this year were a radio and floor lamp. Also a Scrap Book is kept recording all events. This year some of the events were: Christmas Party, Mother's Tea, St. Patrick's Day Party, and the use of a roving reporter at the state meeting held in Columbus April 13 and 14.

A formal initiation for new members is held. And in addition to paying state and national dues the local chapter contributes to camp and scholarship funds. Most of the appropriations for these funds and others are made at the F.H.A. concession stand during Football Season.

The Usherette Club

This club is just two years old. It was organized to fill a distinct need because ushers for school affairs were often unavailable. All school functions that need ushers call upon this group of girls to aid them. Next year the membership will be uniformed in white blouses and black skirts.

Officers of this year's club were: Delores Bauer, President; Alberta Jenkins, Vice-President; and Audrey Bauer, Secretary. Other members included; Eva Kay Kesler, Judith Nash, Charlotte Schwinnen, Shirley Bell, Georgia Mace, Betty Mace, Margaret Blanke, Jane Boroff, Shirley Boroff, Yvonne Copeland, Ruby May, Helen Dempsey, and Ilo Chivington.

The Band

The V. W. H . S. band under the excellent direction of Mr. Leonard Wolf started out the school year of 1950-1951 in full swing. They attended all of the football games, at home and out of town, except the Bellefontaine game.

Following the football season they settled down, and transforming from a marching band to a concert band, they began to prepare for the Christmas season. After successfully passing the holidays their next objective was the annual band concert on Arpil 3-4 and the Band Festival at Lima, Ohio, on May 11.

The curtain opened at the annual concert with a very unusual patriotic theme. Between our Capitol Dome and the Statue of Liberty, Old Glory waved with unusual vigor to the familiar strains of Our National Anthem. This theme was carried out throughout the concert.

On March 31, the following soloists and ensembles traveled to Lima for the district contest. Stephen Moyer, trombone soloist; Coleen Wortman, cornet soloist; and the following ensembles: a clarinet quartet consisting of Shirley Benford, Shirley Johns, Elaine Gamble, and Patty Harden; and a mixed quartet with Coleen Wortman, Luther Cox, Dorthea Tozer, and Stephen Moyer.

This year marks the twenty-second anniversary of the annual band concert as well as the twenty-third year of service for Mr. Wolf as director of the school band. We, the seniors of the band, wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Wolf for all the things he has taught us and the inspiration he has been to band members for the past twenty-two years.

Chorus

The Van Wert High School A Capella Choir under the direction of Mr. Herbert Jones is one of the most outstanding groups in our school.

This choir takes part in many activities in the community such as presenting Christmas and Easter programs for various churches. This year the A Capella Choir presented H.M.S. Pinafore, a favorite operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan. The production was put on two nights by two different casts.

The choir also participated in the district contests at Ada. Several ensemble numbers were given and the boys and girls glee clubs both participated along with many solos.

The choir consists of about eighty students. It meets every day during the third period. Mr. Jones keeps his choir busy all the time by stepping right from one event into another.

New robes were purchased this year for the entire choir. They are maroon colored with white satin inset sleeves and white dickies. They add color and give a good appearance to the choir.

The A Capella Choir is responsible for much of the beautiful music the community enjoys.

Senior Class Play

"You Can't Take It With You"

The senior class of "51" presented "You Can't Take It With You" on April 17-18, directed by Miss Mildred Mays.

The setting for the play is Martin Vanderhof's home in New York City. The action takes place in the living room, better named the "every-man-for-himself" room, where meals are eaten, plays are written, snakes collected, ballet steps practiced, xylophones played and printing presses operated.

THE CAST IS AS FOLLOWS

Penelope Sycamore.....Carol Stevens
Essie.....Sue Phillipy
Rheba.....Fran Wasson
Paul Sycamore.....Bernard Clark
Mr. De Pinna.....Bob Stepleton
Ed.....Bob Hickman
Donald.....Gene Bagley
Martin Vanderhof.....George Brooks
Alice.....Jane Pennell
Henderson.....David Livingston
Tony Kirby .....Bill Balyeat
Boris Kolenkov.....Jim Cramer
Gay Wellington .....Joyce Walters
Mr. Kirby.....Dick Matthews
Mrs. Kirby .....Olga Burgoon
Detectives .....Stan Agler, Jim McCleary, Don Baer
Olga.....Charlotte Matthews
Stage Manager .....Randall Giessler
Prompters .....Mary Olberding, George Walters

"We Shook

The

Family Tree"

Junior Class Play

On November 14 and 15, the Junior Class presented "We Shook The Family Tree", a three act comedy dramatized by Perry Clark, for the book of the same title by Hildegard Dolson.

The play takes place in a modest Pennsylvania home. Hildegard, a sweet, sixteen year old girl, has decided to turn over a new leaf and no longer be a lonely wallflower. But unfortunately, the process wasn't as easy as she had expected.

With the patient and understanding aid of her mother, Hildegard finally succeeds in getting her desired date. Freddie, her date, was just her age and such a nice boy, except for the fact that his mother made him wear those horrible knickers. Many laughs later, Freddie and Hildegarde finally are ready to go to the dance and believe it or not—Freddie is wearing long pants.

The cast, under the guiding direction of Mrs. Howard Foltz, gave an excellent production both nights of the play. The cast includes: Hildegarde, (who is tired of being a wallflower), Joyce Bricker; Sally, (her younger sister), Eleanor Oechsle; Bob, (her older brother), Allen Stabler; Jimmy, (her younger brother), Richard Adams; Mrs. Dolson, (her mother), Virginia Berstrom; Mr. Dolson, (her father), Gene Wollenhaupht; Ellie-May, (Bob's heartthrob), Marcia Becker; Jill, (her friend), Pat Griffis; Paige, (who likes to play postman), Carolyn Cotner; Freddie Shermer, (who wears knickers), Roland Heath; Mr. Shermer, (his father), Jim Bagley; Mrs. Shermer ,(her mother), Myrna Sowers. Rose Ann Sinn served as prompter and Fenton Bagley as stage manager.

Prom

On this sunny afternoon of May 19, 1950, there weren't many Juniors in class. Why?? They were putting the final touches on the decorations for the Junior-Senior Prom. The different committees worked very hard to make the decorations original and beautiful.

The theme "Under Southern Skies" was carried out by a huge painting of an old southern plantation which was placed on the stage behind the orchestra. Gliders and wicker chairs were placed among the green shrubbery inter-twined with lilacs boardering the walls. Light pink and blue, colors of the Senior Class were chosen for the woven ceiling. President Tom Krick welcomed the Seniors on behalf of the Junior Class and Bill Fellers, Senior Class President, gave the response. Ernie Duffield and his orchestra furnished the music. Stan Agler was master of ceremonies. At intermission a quartet composed of Hugh Bebout, Ned Williman, Duane Jerome, and Mr. Jones, who substituted for Bob Scheidt.

The Grand March was led by Donna Sells and Tom Krick, Junior Class President.

Publications

The Scarlet Quill

Our school newspaper, The Scarlet Quill, is published every three weeks by members of the journalism class. This year our first issue was "The Kickoff," the Homecoming Football Game issue.

This is the fourth year the journalism class sponsored the election of Homecoming Queen, the pep assembly, the parade and the crowning ceremonies at halftime in the game. Staff members for the 1950-51 publications were: Editors-in-chief: Pat Kinsey, Mary Olberding and Jane Pennell; Business Manager: Bill Balyeat; Circulation Manager: Jim Cramer; Exchange Editor: Mary Bagley; and Sports Editors: Dave Livingston and Sue Phillipy. Reporters were Olga Burgoon, Janet Agler, Stan Agler, Coleen Wortman, Odetta Johnson, Nanette Shreck, Princess Prichard, Roger Poling and Jim Rolsten.

Members of the Press Club and their faculty advisers, Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer enjoyed dinner at Whitehall Inn, May 23, 1951.

Mr. Ralph Gallapoo, faculty adviser for the Excalibur, was a guest.

Excalibur Staff

Producing the 1951 Excalibur has been a great deal of work, but has also given us much pleasure. We have often wished that we had unlimited finances that would allow us to give you a Year Book equal to that of a large college; however, we hope you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed publishing it.

The members of the 1951 staff were:

Dave Livingston, editor-in-chief; Sue Phillipy, associate editor; Stanley Agler, business manager; Coleen Wortman and Bill Balyeat, advertising; Jim Cramer, circulation; Pat Kinsey, faculty editor; Odetta Johnson and Princess Prichard, organization editors; Jane Pennell and Mary Olberding, personalities; Bill Balyeat, boys' sports; Nanette Shreck and Olga Burgoon, features; Mary Bagley, art; and Mr. Ralph Gallapoo, advisor.

Future Fantasy All In Fun

About The Class Of '51

On a trip to Van Wert as a sojourn from Mars, I heaved a sigh and looked back at the stars. What do you think of our class of old—If I were to tell you would you think me bold? 'Twas many years back I lived on this land—stood in the stadium—cheered the band. But now that I've learned what's become of them all—like Humpty Dumpty, it's the end of a fall. They've all scattered far— to the ends of the earth —of many of them we ne'er knew their worth.

Janet Agler is married, but busy as of yore, helping her husband run a sporting goods store. "Kandy" Agler's in Hollywood taking the bows, breaking female hearts and all lover's vows. John Alspach's in Rio, and his Photography fame has made all on the continent know his name. Betty and Virgie Anderson run a retreat—they're down at Key West where Presidents they meet. Kenny Aurand is a trustee in Union—and from what they tell us he must be a good one. Don Baer sings in opera—his bass voice is well known and oh! round his middle, he really has grown. "Dort" Baer quietly sits at home by the fire—sews a fine seam and waits for her flyer. Mary Bagley is noted as a designer of dresses—her prices are high for just one of her sketches. Gene Bagley designed a new basketball hoop—the thing is quite simple—for it's just one big loop. A Supreme Court Justice is Billy Burton—he's really adept at drawing all legal curtains.

Delores Bauer is with Andy Frain—head of usherettes at all World Series games. Barb Baxter has taken the country by storm—for when modeling 'tis said she has such good form. Joann B and Rock Thomas settled down years ago—Rock's still in the Navy teaching boxing you know. Don Bechtol's a flyer and runs a cafe and Olga takes over when he has to go away. Bob Black is a pilot for Pan-American Airways and still goes to Tri-Lake for his vacation days. Bradford is a gag writer and in Hollywood has fame. Rosie is quite happy since she took his name. Barbara Brennan's married and living in the East. She'll not be forgotten, no, not in the least. George Brooks is really famous in foundation work — head of Spencer Company, where there's really many a jerk. Brown and Scarpella are reserves in the Navy—Brown does the work—Scarp gets the "gravy". Buerkley and Stepleton in the town for the day—they own the Willards, I did hear them say. Dick Busch who played at center on our basketball team is now a referee and has won great esteem. Jan Rose married and went far away to an old church mission and there continues to stay. Donna Cassell is working with books, no surprise, for in high school we knew her to be library wise.

Bernard Clark's head of the Navy Band School, famed for teaching trumpet to Francis the Mule. Another teacher came from our class—Donna Clymer's grade is one hard to pass. Tall, dark and handsome was pranster Jim Cramer—a gal was his downfall, but say, could you blame her? "The oracle has spoken" is a favorite remark in Prof. Crow's classes where in mumble diction he's a shark. Though several are teaching, not little Lucille Crowe, she married one and he was not an old, old beau. Stepped into the bank and there was Bob Davies—he owns a store—may the saints preserve us. Jeanie Davis is in England, so society writers say—married to Jim Fawcett—he's on embassy pay. Joan Denig loved athletics, married into that profession—her husband is a pro-star—that's her modest confession. Stopped in for repairs to the car that I was driving and the garage owner—Clifford Ditto—in that work is striving. Alice Dunno's tabulating and Joan Edwards leading cheers for the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons—when they lose the girls are in tears.

Bunson Burner Elston with Fleetfoot Hickman's help has made a name for both of them on "What Is Atomic Wealth"? Barbara Finkhousen is president of the National Lady Plumbers, keeps the girls so busy, they haven't time for slumbers. Friemoth owns a Foundry and hires Fox and Gardner to help him —on any casting problem the three are sure to win. Roger Geisman is teaching o'er in good old Van Wert High; yes, it's really Latin and Miss Hall by him is standing by.

Ohio State Fairs are known throughout the land—cause good old Randy Geissler runs them—just to "beat the band." Married and modeling for bathing suit ads, Joyce Griggs has a record for starting new fads. Bought a package of cigarettes at the corner drug store—there was pretty Ruth Grindahl wanting to sell me some more. Squire Grunden was bitten by the political germ—has just been sworn in for his twentieth term. Glossett's a drummer with Kruppa's old band—out on the road— playing one-night stands. The Halliwell girls sing on a radio team—I haven't heard them but hear they are keen. Barbara Harmon and Carolyn Johnson, two blonds, have made a killing—a formula for hair rinse—sells in England for a shilling.

Dick Hines is like his ancestors—runs a store on East Main Street but on the side he likes to write for the daily news "sheet". The only boy soprano in an all girls leading band is our own Calvin Jacobs, famed throughout the land. Western Union came to old Van Wert to get their president, but Jim Jarvis turned them down, saying "No, here I'll resident". Then I asked for Odetta Johnson, was told she's teaching school—in the 4th Ward Building where she teaches the Golden Rule. Pat Kinsey, the mathematical

wizard has invented a mechanical woman, who can figure all of the problems just as though it were really a human. Dick Knittle's dancing feet paid off, he's been teaching for a long time—his name is known from coast to coast—just to see him costs a dime. The Kreischer twins will argue which one of their twin girl friends is the one who has a Toni—the feudin' never ends. Nedra Krick has had to dye her hair for red hair just wouldn't do—when she was on the TV screen, it really did look blue. Tom Krick had a toe that was educated, that we know—throughout the years the sports fans continue to say so.

David Livingston joined the sports ranks as announcer and writer too—he's in demand for all big games and has the Olympics to do. Will Rogers of the modern stage—that's McCleary you read about—and when I went to see him, I also stood to shout. And who do you think was sitting in the seat right next to me? None other than Pat McCollum still a beauty queen can be. Betty Mace is married and works at Penny's store—sorry that I cannot of Betty tell you more. Took a quick flight to Chicago—and while attending a radio show—heard Charlotte Mathews win the award—a lamp that swings too and fro—Imagine the thrill I had later that night when my old school chum Dick Matthews, on the street, came into sight. Teen-agers kept getting into our way—for Dick, yes, you guessed it, he's the Clark Gable of today. Saw Carl Maxson and chatted a moment, he's selling a gadget whipped cream to foment. Came back to the Tribune to put in an ad, saw another Van Werter, Peggy May and her Dad. Back in Van Wert I went to find a mechanic, found three pretty girls and there was no static—Miller's the name, Betty Lou and Juanita, Pat Mercer to help them—you could find no one neater.

Dean Miller's their boss—a mechanic quite good—Dotty Mengerink keeps the books—pays the help as she should. Doris Mohler's one of the girls who early changed her name, went back to school to graduate and some others did the same. Wayne Moore's a mattress tester in all foam rubber plants—to get around he has to fly and in fact goes just rampant. Harvey Myers and Johnny Myers bought out all the Dry Cleaners, to do it, well, they really were the best of all the schemers. There's a column in the papers by one you can't forget—Mary Olberding is the one on whom I know you'll bet. Don Parson's off exploring the Siberian Salt Mines so they say—well he can come to Mars and explore most any day. First woman to be President both here and in United Nations is one you know as Lucy Jane—now in Europe she vacations. Pat Phillips is employed in the Museum of Modern Art—Loves her work so very much, that from it she'll never part. Sue Phillipy is a model, like Esther Williams so we hear, thought she'd be doing legal work, but modeling's her career. Roger Poling is a farmer, has cows and pigs galore—and also out in Ridge township, he runs the General Store. Philip Price is a Spanish translator for international music firms—commutes to Buenos Aires, writes his own financial terms. Richard Pritchard heads the highway—looks after county roads—keeps all the highways in good shape—so trucks can carry heavy loads.

Princess Pritchard is an operator in a local beauty shop—Janet Rhoades runs a trailer camp at Carl Wright's old truck stop. Jim Rolsten's like his granddad, took naturally to farming, owns so much land and knows so much, to his door tax men go storming. Teaching on a rifle range is our good friend Marilyn Schaadt, when it comes to shooting, the gal is really hot. Paul Semer's judging beauty queens o'er all the foreign lands—picks Miss America too each year on Atlantic City's sands.

Strolled into the County Ag office and sitting at the table was good old Lowell Sherburn, Agent is his label. Nanette Shreck's a dancer at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, there isn't really anything in dancing she can't do. The tallest boy in our class was none other than Frank Smith, but today since we've grown older, his heighth is just a myth. Jim Speith's a leading dress designer, makes them for the stars—I like all his creations and will take him back to Mars. Red headed Romeo of the legitimate stage, none other than Jim Stabler, for all honors he does wage. Bob Stepleton's twin Roberta, the girl with the pretty dark hair, is working in an office and stunning colthes does wear. Carol Stevens started Nightingaling in an Indiana Nursing class—but once she sang a little song—Opera called her yes, but fast. Miss Sawyer has a helping hand—her name is Wanda Stoller—but soon 'twill be as Betty Crocker everyone shall know her. Sunderland has a racket—it's a correspondance course—pass English in 10 easy steps—without a bribe or force. Ruby Thatcher's touring County Fairs—you'll be surprised to learn—she runs the Joey Chitwood Shows, checks them at every turn. Memoirs of his love life is being written by George Walters—living in a Tibetan monastery so from his task he cannot falter. Joyce Walters and Fran Wasson have lots of imagination, they're Mae Wests of stage and screen in this our generation. Harold Mohr has an assistant—Ann Weaver is her name—in Miami U's music department, Ann has brought them fame. Irene Welch and Janet Williams have thrilled office workers, for all their many short cuts, now in typing there're no shirkers. Ned Williman's known to all, following in his father's shoes, his singing as he cuts the meats drives away the shopper's blues. Chief of Police is Wolford, and what do you think he drives, it's a Cadillac for cruising with machine guns on the sides. Coleen Wortman holds the record, in fact the best one in the land. For as trumpet soloist she's still with Ohio State's marching band. Paintings by our Nancy Z. are attracting great attention. You hear her name most everywhere a good painting is always mentioned. Earlene Tindall came late in the year to join our senior class. We remember her now but know not where to find that pretty lass. Thelma O. is another one who didn't start out with us. Now as a lady president, she runs the Greyhound Bus.

So now I must return to Mars, and as I gaze out at the stars, my stack of memories, over them I sigh, as I think of my school mates at Van Wert High.

Calendar Comments

SEPTEMBER

11 Fair's over! A NEW YEAR begins!

12 3 new faces in Faculty line-up. Welcome to the out-of-town Newcomers—2 Freshmen—3 Sophomores—2 Juniors and 4 Seniors! Freshman home-room largest in 10 years.

15 Football-at-Bryan—WE WON! 35-19.

18 Monday. Oh! How we hate to get up in the morning.

20 Cheerleaders chosen—15 try out.

22 Football-here-Defiance—WE WON 34-6.
Class election campaigns started.

26 Homework—ugh!

29 Our Homecoming game-Kenton—WE WON! 54-0.

30 No School—you guessed it—Saturday. Football team traveled to Columbus.

OCTOBER

3 Regional Conference — Home Ec. Teachers — here.

6 Football-here-Bluffton—WE WON! 14-13.

9-13 It was a slow week!

16 Y-Teen Induction. Club gets off to a good start.

17 Student Council meets. F.H.A. Mixer.

20 End of 1st six weeks. No casualties as yet!
Football-at-Wapak—WE WON! 21-19.
Our band marched in "states" formation.

26 Football-at-Lima Central—we lost 13-27.

27 No school—Teachers to Toledo

NOVEMBER

3 Football-here—St Marys WE WON! 12-7.

6 Junior Class Play Rehearsals start — Try daytime plan.

6-10 Van Wert City Schools have Open House.

8 Night School—Parents look us all over!

10 Football—at Celina—we lost 20-26.

13 Assembly—Hallelujah Quartette.
G.A.A. Referee School.

14-15 Junior Class Play "We Shook the Family Tree."

17 Y-Teen "Pumpkin Prom."

20 Everybody cried "Turkey"—it was a raffle.

22 Hi-Y Thanksgiving Assembly. Out early!

23-24 No School.

25 THE BIG SNOW.

27 THE BIG SNOW - NO SCHOOL!

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29 S C H O O L.

30 American Education week begins.

31 "The goblins'll git ya if ya don' watch out!"

DECEMBER

1 End of 2nd six weeks. Casualties? Your guess is as good as the next one! "The Thing" was the door prize at the F.F.A. Mixer.

5 Basketball—at Paulding—WE WON! 47-43.
F.H.A. Christmas exchange.

6 G.A.A. Christmas party. Had fun!

6-7-8 Every pupil tests. Say no more.

8 Basketball—at Lima Central—we lost 47-54

12 Teachers really eat!

15 Basketball—at Ada—we lost 55-56.
Scarlet Quill dedicated to "Nicky." May his soul rest in peace.

18 Senior Y-Teens Mothers' Dessert.

19 Basketball—Toledo Scott—we lost.
Student Council meeting—4th period.

20 Band and Acapella Choir concert.
Hush! So it was in the morning—
Yes—it was the Spanish Serenade—
Christmas Carols.

20 School dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Christmas holiday.

25 Christmas! Santa Claus gives a public address system to the school! Thank you Santa Claus.

26-27-28-29 No school. Wasn't it wonderful?

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year.
2 Back to the old grind.
4 Still recuperating.
5 Thank heavens, Friday!
9 School again.
19 End of the first semester. Celina here.
22 Blue Monday.
26 Wapak there.
30 Defiance there.

FEBRUARY

2 Lima South here.
3 Well, the groundhog saw his shadow
5 County Y-Teen Banquet.
7 Y-Teen Penny Lunch, good food!
9 F.H.A. Mixer. Bluffton here.
13 Student Council Meeting.
14 Y-Teens Penny Lunch, Happy Valentines Day.
16 Kenton here.
19 Junior Y-Teens Mothers' Tea.
21 F.F.A. Assembly.
23 Upper Sandusky here.
27 Bryan there.
28 Approximately 50 more days of school.

MARCH

1 Guidance Conference.
2 H.M.S. Pinafore—good job.
3 Repeat Performance.
5 Guidance Conference—evening session.
7 Grade cards—oh, oh!
10 Basketball District Finals.
17 Basketball Regional Finals—we didn't make it.
19 First day of Holy Week—Y-Teen Assembly.
20 Another Easter Assembly.
21 Last of the Easter Assemblies.
22 No school—YIPPEE!
25 Happy Easter!!
26 Still no school . . . who's complaining?
30 G. A. A. Mixer.
31 District Contest in Lima for solos and ensembles.

APRIL

1 Anybody been fooled yet?
3 Band Concert, good work kids!
4 Every pupil test. Band concert.
5 Still every pupil tests.
6 More tests.
7 Saturday, what a relief!
10 Preliminary State Tests.
13 Senior Play Dress Rehearsal.
15 Did you go to church?
17 Senior Class Play.
18 Class Play again, what a riot!
20 Hi-Y Ladies Night.
23 Activities Ticket Campaign begins.

MAY

1 "V" Club Banquet.
3 Assembly, Jessie Taylor.
5 District State Test at Ada.
11 Band Festival.
12 G.A.A. Playday.
16 Getting worried seniors?
18 Junior-Senior Prom.
19 What a night! Wish we could do it over.
25 Senior Recognition Assembly, Elks Dance.
27 Baccalaureate.
28 No school for SENIORS.
29 Commencement.

JUNE

1 Get report cards and EXCALIBURS.
2 See you next year! Not Seniors, of course!

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Van Wert High School

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1951 — 6:30 P.M.

Stadium

Program

Processional, "The Pilgrim" .....M. L. Lake
High School Band

Invocation .....Rev. Ralph Tucker

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling".....Thompson
High School Choir

Scripture Lesson .....Rev. Walter Marks

"My God and I" .....Wihtol
High School Choir

Baccalaureate Sermon ....."On Your Own, But Not Alone"
Rev. E. D. Driscoll

Benediction .....Rev. Franklin Chant

"God Be With You" .....Tomer
High School Choir

Recessional, "Festival March of the Olympians" .....Castro Carazo
High School Band

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